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**Resignation**

CARACAS, Jan 11, (Reuters): Venezuelan Energy and Mines Minister Arturo Hernandez Grisario said yesterday he had offered to resign but did not know if his offer had been accepted.

**AIDS meeting**

GENEVA, (AP): Officials from 120 countries have accepted invitations to participate in the first-ever "health ministers' summit" on AIDS later this month, a top World Health Organisation official said.

**Air crash**

ISLAMABAD, (Kuna): A single engine jet trainer aircraft crashed at an Air Force base in Karachi yesterday killing its two occupants.

**Syrian minister**

NEW DELHI, (Kuna): Syrian Deputy Foreign Minister Diaullah Fattal yesterday met Indian officials here and discussed the Middle East problem and the seven-year old Iran-Iraq war.

**Prelude to attack**

DAMASCUS, (Reuters): Syria said yesterday a British newspaper report that Damascus was producing nerve gas weapons was intended to prepare public opinion for an Israeli attack on the country.

**Talks on bases**

ATHENS, (AP): Greek and American negotiators yesterday started a second round of talks on the future of US military bases in Greece after the current operating agreement expires in December 1988.

**Arafat in Iraq**

BAGHDAD, Jan 11, (Reuters): Iraqi Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz met PLO chief Yasser Arafat yesterday to discuss violent protests in the Israeli-occupied territories, the official Iraqi News Agency, INA said.

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**Kuwaiti to be tried for rioting**

JASIM Abdalla Hassan Al Attar, a Kuwaiti faces trial for participating in an illegal assembly with the intent to disturb public security and resist the authorities.

Al Attar is also charged with using force, threats, violence, insult, assault on public employees and wilfully destroying cars and other property of the Ministry of the Interior and others.

He will be tried by the State Security Court. The trial begins on Jan 24 with judge Mohammad Abdul-Hai Al Bannaei presiding.

**Bus plunges killing 37**

NEW DELHI, Jan 11, (UPI): A bus skidded off a road in northern India, plunged into a deep ravine and caught fire, killing 37 people and injuring several others, the Press Trust of India said today.

The news agency said the accident occurred last night when the driver of the bus carrying 45 passengers lost control of the vehicle and it careened into a deep gorge near the hill town of Almora, 175 miles (280 kms) northeast of New Delhi.

The bus caught fire after it hit the ground, the agency said. It said 37 people were killed and several others were injured.

**Sinhalese attack**

COLOMBO, Jan 11, (AP):

About 30 Sinhalese extremists attacked a paramilitary camp near Colombo today, police said. "One of the attackers is believed to have died but his body was taken away," said a senior police officer, speaking on condition of not being identified. He said at least other six people were injured.



A little girl presents a bouquet to the President on his arrival. HH the Amir (right) received Mubarak at the airport.

security of the Gulf region was an integral part of Egypt's security, saying "in case of a direct threat to any Arab Gulf state, greater preparations are needed", but did not elaborate.

Mubarak reiterated Egypt's commitment to the joint Arab defence agreement, which he, however, described as "ink on paper" and pledged to provide military support should any Arab state be exposed to aggression.

Egypt, for whom Mubarak's tour marks a return to the Arab fold after eight years of isolation caused by its peace treaty with Israel, has pledged solidarity with the GCC against Iranian threats.

"Our enemies are trying to defeat us and the war is still going on near us. Egypt has a big role to play under these circumstances," Kuwait's Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdul-Aziz Al Rashed, told reporters before Mubarak's arrival.

Mubarak emphasised that

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Mubarak and HH the Crown Prince and Premier Saad (right) in a jovial mood.

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Khomeini decree solved problems: Musavi

**Iranian clerics in disarray**

ATHENS, Jan 11, (UPI): A controversial decree issued by Iranian spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini two weeks ago, giving the Iran government "absolute power," has thrown clerics in the country into confusion, Tehran residents said.

But the Islamic Republic News Agency yesterday quoted Iranian Prime Minister Mir Hossein Musavi as saying the decree has solved several problems he faced.

Musavi said at a press conference in Tehran the decree "has clarified many ambiguities and problems facing the Islamic government."

Tehran residents reached by telephone said Khomeini's decree has thrown Iran's clerics into confusion, and some more obscure clergymen have come out brazenly to declare it "un-Islamic" and "an erosion of the

constitution."

Khomeini decreed Dec 25 that Musavi's government had absolute power to legislate without consulting with Parliament, on certain matters, including public utilities, banking, shipping, and labour organisations.

**Contracts**

Thursday, Khomeini clarified further to say the government also had the right to close down mosques, unilaterally cancel "religious contracts" and prevent people from making the annual haj to Makkah, if it thought fit.

Prominent clergymen, including Ayatollah Hossein Ali Montazeri, who was elected successor-designate to Khomeini in 1985, used only innuendo to attack the decree.

Iran quoted Montazeri as saying

neutral shipping was on Christmas Day when an Iranian gunboat fired on a Maltese freighter.

In Baghdad, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein felt confident enough to say "Iraq's victory is coming and the nation will celebrate that victory soon," the official Iraqi News Agency reported. Iran has spoken of launching a major offensive to take the southern Iraqi city of Basra but so far it has not materialised.

Some military experts believe Iranian leaders are having difficulty conscripting sufficient basiji volunteers for the winter assault because of war weariness.

Optimism had been mounting that a peace shuttle between Tehran and Gulf states by high-ranking Syrian officials was on the verge of a breakthrough.

Diplomats had hoped the home-spun diplomacy would bring Gulf leaders and Iran to the

conference table in Damascus or the Omani capital of Muscat to defuse tension in the region.

But it was unclear today whether Iraq's tank raids had jeopardised those talks and there was no immediate reaction from Tehran.

Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati met a UAE envoy in Tehran last night and said Iran was optimistic about any cooperation which would reduce the influence of foreign powers in the Gulf.

**Pressure**

Some diplomats suggested a complicated deal had been struck whereby Iraq bowed to pressure from its major ally Saudi Arabia to halt attacks on Iranian oil tankers.

In return, Syria's principal ally in the Arab world persuaded Iran to cancel or at least postpone a long-

anticipated attack on Iraq's southern port city of Basra.

But that agreement looked fragile following Iraq's raids and some diplomats speculated Iran had in any case been playing for time since it lacked air cover and manpower to mount an effective winter offensive against Basra.

Iraq's raids came only hours after US Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci left Saudi Arabia at the end of a week-long tour of the Gulf.

**Arrive**

Some diplomats, sceptical about the chances of the Arab peace shuttle, said Iraq may have agreed to hold back from attacks only during Carlucci's visit.

Meanwhile, US representative Mel Levine, a Democrat from California, arrived today in Baghdad for talks with officials on the Gulf war.

Levine, a member of the

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**Egyptian President holds talks with Amir Mubarak discusses defence cooperation****Israelis kill more Palestinians****Peres wants to hand over Gaza to Jordan**

BEITIN, West Bank, Jan 11, (Reuters): Israeli troops in the occupied Gaza Strip shot dead a Palestinian youth today, another Gaza youth died from wounds and Israeli settlers killed a teenage rioter in the West Bank, the Israeli Army said.

The latest killing was in the town of Khan Yunis. The Army said a Palestinian youth tried to snatch a soldier's weapon and when he failed a group of young men attacked troops and an officer opened fire, killing one of the attackers.

Another youth from Khan Yunis wounded two days ago, died in an Israeli hospital and a Jewish settler's leader in the Israeli-occupied West Bank killed a teenage Arab, the Army said.

**Toll**

As the unofficial death toll from more than a month of unrest in the occupied territories rose to 34, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres suggested handing the riot-torn Gaza Strip to Jordan.

Major-General Amram Mitzna, whose central command covers the West Bank, told reporters that settler leader Pinhas Wallerstein and bodyguard Shai Ben Yosef shot dead Rabah Hussein Ramam, 16, after he stoned their car in Beitin, a village 10 miles (16 km) north of Jerusalem.

It was the first time ultra-nationalist Jewish settlers had become involved in more than a month of unrest, raising fears among Israeli security officials that rioters might unleash their violence on the controversial Jewish settlements in the occupied

territory.

In Jerusalem, Peres told visiting UN envoy Marrack Goulding that unless a solution was found with Jordan, Gaza could face the same endless violence as Lebanon.

"We have to choose between a Lebanonisation of the Gaza Strip or a Jordanisation of the area. The solution cannot be reached unilaterally but must be found with Jordan and the Palestinians," spokesman Ehud Gol quoted him as saying.

Goulding is on a mission to study the safety of the 1.4-million Palestinians in the occupied territories. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has refused to receive him.

Goulding suggested last month, to bitter criticism by Shamir's right-wing Likud bloc, that Israel should demilitarise Gaza and dismantle Jewish settlements there.

Jordan has never controlled the Gaza Strip, which was under Egyptian rule from 1948 until Israel captured it in the 1967 Middle East war.

**Claims**

Goulding, who also met UN officials providing relief services to Palestinian refugees in the occupied areas, told reporters after this talks with Peres:

"We discussed how these recent disturbances show the pressing need to negotiate a settlement which will remove the causes of all the recent troubles."

In Jerusalem, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir accused Egypt of shooting and wounding Palestinian protesters in the border town of Rafah and rejected claims by Egypt, the only Arab

**A grave mistake indeed**

NORFOLK, Jan 11, (AP): White friends and relatives attended his funeral, Charles Willie Pryor rested in a hospital bed, unaware that an unidentified man was being buried in his place.

The caller, who said he was speaking from Brussels, said the diplomat was involved in a plot with the Fatah Revolutionary Council Organisation, headed by Abu Nidal, to kidnap an Israeli official based in Kinshasa, Zaire.

**Tyranny**

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## INTERNATIONAL

### Tight security for Direct Action trial

PARIS, Jan 11, (UPI): French authorities had in place an impressive array of security precautions today for the opening of a two-week trial of 19 alleged members of the Direct Action domestic terrorist group.

Virtually the entire Direct Action leadership has been captured and is standing trial, but authorities were taking no chances.

The courtroom in the Palais de Justice has been equipped with blast-proof glass on its windows overlooking the Seine River, and with two glassed-in defendants' boxes for the accused.

Metal detectors have been installed at all public entrances. Policemen and women will closely search visitors in court-booths.

As is customary in French terrorism trials, metal crowd-control barriers were set up all around the courthouse on the Ile de la Cite. Multiple police units were to stand by against the possibility of an attack.

Seventy-five gendarmes have been assigned to patrol the 16 km of corridors in the labyrinthine building, while armed policemen were to maintain surveillance on rooftops and in the sewers below.

The defendants include direct action leaders Marc Rouillan, Nathalie Menigon, Joelle Aubron and Georges Cipriani, captured in February in a raid on their isolated hideout in a farmhouse 100 km south of Paris.

### Attack led to US raids on Libya

### Disco bombing woman arrested

BERLIN, Jan 11, (AP): Police have arrested a 27-year-old woman for the Schleswig-Holstein state Interior Ministry, confirmed that Mrs Endrigkeit had been arrested.

Yes, she was arrested during the night," Mrs Stenkat told the Associated Press in a telephone interview.

#### Link

A Luebeck police spokesman, who declined to give his name, when contacted by telephone, told the AP all queries in the case should be directed to Justice Department spokesman Kaelne in West Berlin.

Kaelne had said Sunday that Mrs Endrigkeit was being "urgently sought" in the case.

Meanwhile, a West Berlin Justice Department spokesman said that a convicted Palestinian linked to the case had visited Libya.

But Volker Kaelne declined to specify what role, if any, the radical North African nation played in the La Belle Disco bombing.

Radio Schleswig-Holstein said that Christina Gabriele Endrigkeit, who was born in West Berlin, was arrested early today along with an unidentified man in the northern Port City of Luebeck.



Two French policemen put steel-barricades to set up a security area near the Paris courthouse. (Reuter wirephoto)

### China unlikely to accept proposal

## Gorbachev offers summit

BEIJING, Jan 11, (Reuters): Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev has called for a summit meeting with China, but Western diplomats say Peking is unlikely to agree to what would be the first such meeting in 29 years.

In an interview with the Chinese weekly Liaowang (outlook), published today, Gorbachev reiterated an earlier proposal for a summit with Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping and hinted that this time the Chinese might accept.

"It would be a logical development, in our view, to hold a Soviet-Chinese summit. Judging by all accounts, both sides realize the objective necessity of this," Tass quoted Gorbachev as saying.

A Western diplomat in Beijing said he did not believe the Chinese would agree to a summit at the moment.

"I don't think there will be any change in their public position," he said. This was that Moscow must first remove three foreign-policy obstacles before China could agree to such a meeting.

**Linda Evans**  
has no regrets over kissing Rock Hudson

LONDON, Jan 11, (AP): Linda Evans, star of the Dynasty television serial, has no regrets over her on-screen kiss with AIDS victim Rock Hudson.

The much-discussed kiss, before the actor died from the disease in 1985, has not given her any sleepless nights either.

"People expect me to have regretted that kiss with Rock but I don't," the actress said in an interview published today in the British weekly, Woman's Own.

"Nor was it a statement about AIDS and how it was quite safe to kiss because I didn't know he had it. But I didn't have any sleepless nights about it because you can't get AIDS that way," the actress said.

Miss Evans, who plays Krystle in the TV soap opera, said: "There is a lot of unnecessary fear about AIDS."

In the interview, Miss Evans, 45, said she would like to have a child.

"I think it would be lovely to be a mother, even though I may be getting a little bit old for it," she said.

**Ryzhkov in Stockholm talks on Baltic dispute**

STOCKHOLM, Jan 11, (Reuters): The Soviet and Swedish prime ministers opened talks in Stockholm today focusing on a 19-year-old dispute over territorial waters in the Baltic which Sweden blocks a significant improvement in relations with new Kremlin leaders.

Nikolai Ryzhkov, the first Soviet Prime Minister to visit Sweden for 15 years, arrived with his wife Lyudmila and went straight into talks with Social Democratic Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson in his offices on the Stockholm waterfront.

"Well, I'm satisfied," were Ryzhkov's only words to reporters who asked him how the talks were going when he emerged for lunch with Sweden's King Carl Gustaf.

**Chance**  
Soviet sources said they believed there was a good chance of an accord on the Baltic dispute. Agreement eluded Soviet and Swedish negotiators when they held intensive talks on the subject in Stockholm and Moscow before the visit.

The two countries have been arguing since 1969 about how to share an area of some 8,500 square miles of sea between the Swedish Baltic island of Gotland and the coast of the Soviet Baltic

The classified section of the Navy report blamed Moscow for the intrusions. Swedish sources said.

A Baltic Sea agreement would improve the political climate for trade.

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The main sticking point is China's insistence that Moscow urge Vietnam to withdraw its troops from Kampuchea, the diplomat said.

China has also demanded a Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan and has long-standing objections to Soviet troop concentrations along the Chinese border.

The official New China News Agency and official newspapers reported the Dec 28 Gorbachev interview but made no mention of the summit proposal.

However, NCNA quoted Vice Premier Tian Jiayun over the weekend as saying that China would like to swap experiences with the Soviet Union on reforms.

The last full summit between the two powers took place in 1959, when Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev went to Beijing to meet China's Chairman Mao Tse-tung.

**Meeting**  
Sino-Soviet relations cooled in the early 1960s over ideology and foreign-policy differences. The

last senior level meeting took place in 1969, when Soviet Prime Minister Alexei Kosygin met Chinese Premier Chou Enlai at Beijing airport after attending the funeral of Vietnamese leader Ho Chi Minh.

There was no immediate comment from Vietnamese officials on a possible Sino-Soviet summit.

Vietnamese officials have said a return to cozy pre-1960s Sino-Soviet ties would make their country and other small Asian nations nervous, probably causing shifts of foreign policies to guard against any expansion of China's influence in the region.

The Vietnamese, who have fought border wars with the Chinese communists, are strongly supported by the Soviet union.

The Japanese Foreign Ministry also had no immediate comment. A spokesman said Tokyo officials were checking the details of the Gorbachev proposal.

Last month Deng firmly rebuffed the idea of meeting with Gorbachev in Beijing. Moscow

or any other place, saying the Kremlin must first urge Vietnam to withdraw its troops from Kampuchea.

But a senior Soviet envoy said recently he was optimistic a summit could take place and said relations had improved because of last month's US-Soviet agreement to eliminate medium-range and shorter-range nuclear missiles.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Igor Rogachev said in Beijing last month that Moscow and Beijing had developed channels to discuss international issues over the last two years.

In the magazine interview, Gorbachev praised China as playing a key role in world affairs. "We are far from thinking that everything in the world, including East-West relations, depends solely on Moscow and Washington," he declared.

Meanwhile, Czechoslovakia's new Communist Party leader Milos Jakes arrived in Moscow today for his first talks with Gorbachev since his surprise appointment last month.

### Wife burns herself alive

NEW DELHI, Jan 11, (AP): The body of a 28-year-old woman was found next to her husband's funeral pyre, and police said today they are investigating whether she was murdered or killed herself.

Initial reports said the woman may have committed sati, an ancient Hindu ritual in which a widow dies in the flames that cremate her husband's body. But authorities have ruled out the ritual in the death.

"This is certainly a case of either murder or suicide, but not sati," said B.K. Bhola, a police chief.

The United News of India said Mrs Singh allegedly dressed herself as a bride and jumped into the flames consuming her husband's body. The news agency quoted unspecified reports as saying Mrs Singh entered the flames carrying a coconut, an auspicious symbol in the Hindu religion.

**Autopsy**  
Nimal Kishore Gupta, a magistrate in the Lalitpur district, told the Associated Press by telephone that an autopsy showed the woman, Shakuntala Singh, died of suffocation.

"She did try to immolate herself but did not succeed. The burn injuries were superficial, but there was blood on her mouth," said Gupta.

Police believe the woman may have poured kerosene on herself but say she may have been murdered to prevent her from sharing property of her dead husband.

Mrs Singh's husband, Harpal Singh, died on Thursday when his motorcycle crashed into a van near the village of Kheria Mishra, 500 kilometres (310 miles) south of New Delhi.

Singh married twice. Shakuntala, his first wife, was sent to another village after failing to bear a child. It was not known if the couple was divorced, but Singh took a second wife who gave birth to four children.

"Shakuntala rarely came here when Singh was alive," said Gupta.

Shakuntala and her brother returned to Kheria Mishra on Friday after learning of Singh's death.

"By the time she reached the village, it was all over. The cremation was complete," said Gupta.

"Her family told us later that Shakuntala was sad and refused to go to bed on Saturday night," said Gupta. "At 3 O'clock Sunday morning Shakuntala left her room and walked to the pyre and never returned."

Her father-in-law found her body the next morning, Gupta said.

### Tight security

RANGOON, Jan 11, (Reuters): Burmese authorities are considering tighter security on passenger trains after Sunday's bomb attack that killed eight people, railway officials said.

The bomb in a crowded second-class compartment of the Mandalay-to-Rangoon Express exploded as the train approached Rangoon central station. A further 40 people were injured.

### Law on secrets

PEKING, Jan 11, (Reuters): China has drawn up a new draft law governing state secrets which would allow information to become "declassified" and publicised after a certain period of time, the official New China News Agency said today.

voting in the provinces of Illocos Sur, Quezon, Abra, Ifugao and northern Samar.

"Voting had already been postponed in the provinces of Sulu, Tawi-Tawi, Lanao Del Sur, Lanao Del Norte and Maguindanao and in the Mindanao island cities of Cotabato, Iligan and Marawi."

The Election Commission has also taken control of local governments, including police, in nine other provinces to ensure a fair election.

### Ambushed

• In an unrelated incident, suspected communist rebels ambushed a logging jeep and a passenger bus in the southern Philippines, killing at least seven people and wounding 14 others, the military said today.

Lt. Col. Rodolfo Lorajes, operations officer of the fourth infantry division, said the guerrillas had planned the ambush on the jeep but fired an RPG on the bus when they found out that a soldier was aboard.

He said the ambush occurred yesterday morning near the village of Dampil, southeast of Manila on the strife-torn island of Mindanao.

## Soviets might start Afghan pullout in May: Pravda

MOSCOW, Jan 11, (Reuters):

The Communist Party newspaper Pravda said today Soviet troops could start pulling out of Afghanistan on May 1 if an agreement was signed by Pakistan and the Kabul administration by the start of March.

Pravda commentator Vsevolod Ovchinnikov said agreements under discussion at several meetings in Geneva in the past two years provided for a halt to US support for Afghan insurgents.

"If it becomes possible to sign the Geneva understandings by March 1 — and the Afghan side is by all appearances intending to aim for that — then the starting date for the withdrawal could be May 1," he wrote.

Ovchinnikov made it clear the United States and Pakistan would have to take major steps to stop activities by Muslim rebels if the pullout were to start by then.

Pravda journalist, whose remarks were clearly based on an official briefing, said a completed agreement on Afghanistan could

provide an extra push for the next Soviet-American summit — which diplomats expect for late May in Moscow.

The article marked the first time Moscow had mentioned an exact date for the start of a pullout, which Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said last week could be completed in less than 12 months.

But analysts said the conditions Ovchinnikov spelled out still made it unlikely that Washington and Islamabad could comply without further concrete assurances from Moscow on its role during the two-month interim period after an agreement.

Ovchinnikov said this time gap between an agreement and the withdrawal "is not accidental — it is determined by the necessity of giving Islamabad time to liquidate the Dushman bases on Pakistani territory."

Moscow and Kabul use the term Dushman, which means reactionary renegades or bandits, to describe the Muslim

insurgents, who have been fighting successive pro-Soviet governments in Kabul since 1978.

"In other words," Ovchinnikov said, "The problem lies not in the date for the start of the withdrawal of Soviet forces but in the date when American aid to the Dushmans is halted."

The United States has until now insisted that it would support the insurgents until Moscow set a firm date for an irreversible pull-out to begin and provided a timetable for its completion.

US officials say they would also expect assurances from Moscow that it would not attempt to return to shore up the present Kabul authorities if they appeared under threat from the insurgents after the withdrawal.

Talks between Kabul and Islamabad through United Nations mediation are due to resume in Geneva in late February and there have been indications of optimism from Washington as well as Moscow that there could be a breakthrough. (See Page 6)

### I won't be the first adulterer in the White House, says Hart

IOWA FALLS, Iowa, Jan 11, (AP): Presidential candidate Gary Hart says if he's elected, he "won't be the first adulterer in the White House."

But he said American voters appear to be prepared to understand the personal problems that forced him to withdraw his bid for the Democratic Party's nomination last May.

The former senator from Colorado rejoined the race last month.

"The people of this country in the last three weeks have been tremendously warm and accepting," Hart said in an emotional interview published yesterday in the Des Moines Register. "It's great to be back."

Hart and his wife, Lee, met on Saturday with the editorial board of the daily newspaper during a campaign swing in this rural, Midwestern state.

After leaving the race amid reports of his relationship with model Donna Rice, Hart admitted in a nationally televised interview that he had not been "totally faithful" to his wife, Lee.

But he refused to discuss Rice or any other individual.

## Gulf states have made great strides in social development

Jan 11, 1988  
Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad, yesterday said that any progress made by an Arab country is a progress for the whole Arab nation.

Sheikh Jaber added, in an address to the meeting of the Arab Gulf social affairs and labour ministers which opened yesterday, that the Arab Gulf states have made great strides towards social and economic development.

The minister expressed regret over the Iraq-Iran war which took the lives and wounded more than one million people, noting that this was drained the human and material resources of both belligerents.

He hailed the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories against the Israeli repression, affirming full Arab support for the Palestinian cause till victory is achieved.

### Agenda

The Kuwaiti minister said that the agenda of the three-day meeting is full of important and vital issues on both the social and labour levels which were endorsed by social affairs and labour under-secretaries last October.

In conclusion, he expressed hope that the conferees would realise success in their assembly to lay the basis for Arab Gulf cooperation and resolve social and labour problems.

Before opening the meeting the ministers met HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Premier, Sheikh Saad.

### Achievements

Qatari Minister of Social Affairs and Labour, Ali Bin Ahmad Al Ansari, who is former chairman of the council, reviewed the council's accomplishments during the past two years.

He said such achievements reflect the level of progress of the member states' joint work which is targeted to the interest of the Gulf Arab society.

Also addressing the conference, Secretary-General of the Bahrain-based Council, Khaled Al Saleh who pinpointed the importance of such meetings that would support member states' joint work.

He added achieving social responsibility among member states is part of its (the Gulf states) strategic security.

## Dental Health Week

THE Kuwait Dentists Association will organise its tenth Dental Health Week with the theme of "Your mouth as the mirror of your health" from March 19 to 25, an information committee member of the association Dr Saheb Al Qatani announced.

He said that the association planned the Dental Health Week as a means of spreading dental health awareness among the public and as an opportunity for dentists to meet and exchange information about the latest developments in dentistry.

He said that the week's lectures and information campaign would include items about nutrition and its effect on dental disease and the relationship between the doctor and the patient in dentistry.

## Two die in accidents

TWO people died in "fatal accidents" yesterday. A boy was run over by a speeding car and one man died and two others were injured when two cars collided in the Al-Tawon street in a Kuwait suburb. The largest number of accidents occurred in Jahra, followed by seven each in Kuwait City and Ahmadi and five in Hawalli. There were a total of 34 road mishaps.

## Camp for youth opened in Jahra

"KUWAIT is a Green Oasis" is the slogan of a student camp that is being held in Jahra suburb. The camp has been organised by the Youth and Childhood Department at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour. It is being held under the patronage of Ass-



Kamareyah

publication, speeches, poems and contests in addition to handicrafts. The programme also includes theatrical activities, she pointed out.

On the other hand, officials in the association have organised sightseeing tours to several parts of the country.

The Girls' Guides movement started in 1966 where the first office opened in Libya then moved to Sudan. In 1981 in Jordan the committee meeting of the Arab office agreed that the office would be headquartered in Kuwait in view of Kuwait's financial and technical support.

She hoped the Arab states would increase their contributions to the office's budget.

## Information officials to discuss cooperation

Riyadh, Jan 11, (Kuna): Cooperation in the fields of television and radio is to be discussed at the fourth meeting of the information officials from GCC countries. The meeting will be held in Riyadh from Saturday next week.

Working papers to enhance cooperation will be presented by the undersecretaries attending the meeting. They will also discuss means to consolidate working ties between member states, particularly in the field of news dissemination. Other items include development of national manpower in the fields of communication and Arab links between member states.

The meeting has been called after the GCC Information Ministers adopted various recommendations at their second conference held recently.

## Kfas completes a number of projects

DR ALI Shamalan, the Director-General of the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science (Kfas), said that Kfas had completed a number of scientific projects over the past year, which provided services to specialists in the intellectual field and to researchers, composers and translators in various scientific areas.

Dr Shamalan said that the Research Projects Department had funded a total of 38 projects and research studies in 1987, of which 10 in fields of applied technological, social and economic sciences had been completed.

He said that the Rehabilitation and Education of Disabled Children, research in the field of desert control and the analysis and evaluation of poultry industries in Kuwait were among key projects funded by the department.



HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah yesterday received the visiting Arab ministers of social affairs and labour.

## Boycott of Israeli products by Palestinians welcomed

THE decision of Palestinians to boycott Israeli products has been welcomed by professionals in Kuwait. Dr Shafiq Al Ghabra of Kuwait University said the decision against buying Israeli-made cigarettes would be followed by boycotting other Israeli products.

Al Ghabra was speaking at a seminar held at the premises of the Kuwait Society of Engineers (KSE). Speakers made an appeal to give financial aid to the Palestinians.

Israel, he said, markets a major part of local products in

the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Al Ghabra said they are the two most important markets after US.

KES Chairman Abdullah Al Minayes called on local charity groups and professionals to support the uprising. "The Palestinians need financial and moral support to fight the Israeli forces," he said.

**Support**  
He said a strong industrial base should be developed for Palestinians. This is one way to support the uprising in the

occupied territories, he added. He said education facilities, particularly job-oriented studies, must be made available for Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Another speaker, Dr Abdullah Al Omar of Kuwait University, denounced the "use of weapons against unarmed children and women." Supporting the uprising, now in its second month, Al Omar said it reveals the strong, true will of the Palestinian people and shows that they are dissatisfied with efforts made through the UN."

## Syria trying to help defuse tension in the Gulf

A KUWAITI newspaper yesterday quoted informed Syrian sources as saying that Syria's recent contacts with Gulf Arab countries were meant to cool down the situation in the Gulf and eventually put an end to the Iraq-Iran war.

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## Rifai leaves for Bahrain

KUWAIT'S Minister of Electricity and Water Mohammed Al Sayed Abdul Mohsen Al Rifai left yesterday for Manama on a short visit to Bahrain.

An official source at the Electricity and Water Ministry told Kuna that Rifai's visit to Bahrain is being held in response to an invitation from his Bahraini counterpart.

Rifai is accompanied by the director of his office Abdul Mohsen Al Sana.

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Al Mazroui delivering a speech to open the camp.



Mazzroui and organisers pictured at the camp.



Participants flying the Kuwaiti flag.

## ROYAL COURT

### Crown Prince audiences

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Sabah yesterday received the Planning Minister, Mohammed Soleiman Sayed Ali, the Communications Minister, Khalid Al Jumeirah and the advisor of HH the Amir's Office Major General Abdel Latif Al Thuwaini.

Sheikh Saad also received representatives of the administrative department of the National Union for Kuwaiti Students, US branch, and later received a number of citizens at the public diwan.

### Cable of gratitude

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Sabah received a cable of gratitude from the secretary-general of the Egyptian community in Kuwait.

The cable expressed the readiness of the Egyptian community to serve Kuwait and defend its freedom, and voiced pride in the statement of Sheikh Saad in Akhbar Al Youm newspaper in which he expressed appreciation for the role of the Egyptian community in Kuwait.

Sheikh Saad sent a reply cable thanking the members of the Egyptian community in Kuwait for their sincere solidarity and readiness and their good feelings toward Kuwait.

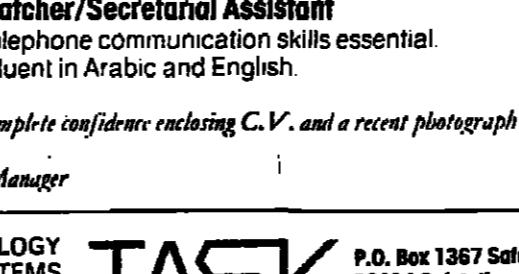
## Security men honoured

KUWAIT'S Interior Minister

Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed has honoured two top security men for outstanding service. Lt Abdul Mohsen Al Qattan and policeman Ahmad Nouri of the Hawalli Governorate were praised for arresting several petty thieves. A ceremony was



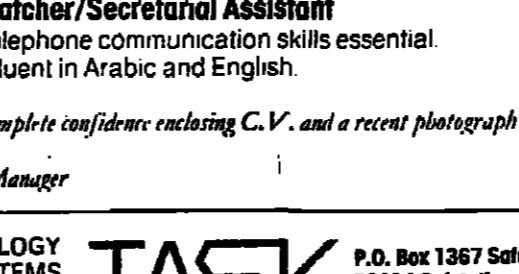
held to present gifts to the security personnel. The Assistant Security Director of Hawalli Governorate Colonel Hassan Jassem attended the ceremony on behalf of Sheikh Nawaf. Picture shows Lt Al Qattan receiving a gift from Colonel Jassem.



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## AIDS test for expatriates from March

By Jadranka Porter

ALL expatriates seeking residence in Kuwait will have to undergo test for AIDS in Kuwait before they are granted a residence permit. This provision of the new residence law will take effect on March 1, while the law was enforced on Jan 1.

The new rule will apply only to the first-time applicants arriving from abroad.

Only those who get a free-of-AIDS certificate, and are also pronounced free of leprosy, tuberculosis, malaria and filaria (a parasite affliction) by Kuwait's health authorities will qualify for a residence permit, said Dr Rashid Al Owaish, the acting director of the public health department.

### Reduce

Although AIDS testing will greatly reduce the possibility of an AIDS carrier settling down in Kuwait there is no guarantee, despite the test, that some will enter undetected. This is because



Dr Rashid

the AIDS virus carrier usually cannot be identified in the first two months following the infection. It takes between three weeks and two months for the anti-bodies fighting the virus to develop. This means that the carriers infected within that period prior to the test will appear to be free of the virus, but Al Owaish said he expected few

of such cases.

The blood sample of those applying for residence in Kuwait City, Hawalli governorate and Jahra will be taken at the Ports and Border Health division in Shuaiba while the applicants in the Adan area will give their blood sample at the Fahad clinic, Al Owaish said. The tests will be carried out at the virology department in Sha'ab. The applicants will be charged KD 10 for getting a certificate testifying they are free of all five diseases.

### Symptoms

Close to 90,000 people in Kuwait have been tested for AIDS, mainly the blood donors and those considered to be in the high-risk groups. Only the virus carriers have been discovered in Kuwait and not a single case displaying the symptoms has been recorded in the country.

In conducting the tests the Ministry of Health relying on the guidelines for infectious diseases law. But according to last year's statements made by the Minister of Health, it is expected

that the ministry will push for special legislation to be introduced to regulate AIDS control in Kuwait.

Anyone leaving Kuwait for a country requiring a free-of-AIDS certificate can apply for the test at the AIDS office, department of public health in the Awqaf complex in Shuaiba, with charges being KD 5.

The university laboratory which also conducts the tests is more involved in research projects and is used by the World Health Organisation as one of the reference regional centres for AIDS testing to serve seven countries in the region. The Ministry of Health has an ongoing AIDS education programme for the medical and paramedical staff and periodically conducts lectures and question and answer sessions for the public.

A high level Kuwaiti delegation will attend an international conference of health ministers to be held from Jan 26-28 in London to discuss cooperation in AIDS control.

## Woman undergoes heart transplant in Saudi Arabia

RIYADH, Jan 11: A 41-year-old Saudi Arabian woman was saved when parents of a young accident victim donated his heart to her. The heart transplant on Hailla Al Atifi was performed last month at the Military Hospital in Riyadh.

The mother of seven children, Hailla Al Atifi became the first woman to have such surgery in the kingdom.

The surgery was performed by a leading heart specialist Dr Mohamad Al Faqih.

Hailla never had a heart problem, that is until her seventh pregnancy, when she felt acute distension in her heart. After consulting several doctors she saw Dr Al Faqih, who advised her to undergo heart surgery, and she was put on the list of patients waiting for organ donors. Last month, a young Saudi with severe head injuries was brought to the Military Hospital. After four hours in intensive care unit, the young man died of brain haemorrhage. His parents donated the heart to save Hailla's life. The accident victim's kidneys were also donated.

### Recovery

Hailla received a new heart after a critical four-hour operation. The patient was kept in an intensive care unit for a week before being shifted to an ordinary ward.

"The patient (Hailla) has shown remarkable recovery and she is now leading a near normal life at hospital," said Dr Faqih. She will stay in hospital for a few more weeks, until the doctors believe she is fit enough to go back home.

Hailla, in a recent interview, said she led a sheltered life and never believed she would ever make headlines around the world. She said: "It is so good to hug my children and be with them," she said. Hailla's husband, Naser is now awaiting his wife's return home.



Hailla Al Atifi: the first Saudi woman to have a heart transplant operation.



Hailla and her husband Naser Al Atifi pictured in the hospital.

The management and staff of the French School express their heartfelt condolences to

Mr. Shawkat Mohammad Al Haj Najeeb Al Haromi

on the sad demise of his

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(May Allah Have mercy on his soul)

## Arabs urged to support Palestinian struggle

DOHA, Jan 11. (Kuna): Qatar's English language daily Gulf Time today praised statements by HH the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah on the Palestinian uprising in the occupied lands.

The daily urged Arab and Islamic nations to consider practical measures to close Arab ranks and set up effective strategy for providing support which Palestinian people need at the current time.

The paper declared that the uprising is reflecting the Palestinian's hopelessness and disappointment over Israeli brutal acts.

The Gulf Time urged Arabs and Muslims to back Palestinian struggle and make use of the present worldwide support to put things in order and restore Palestinian legitimate rights.

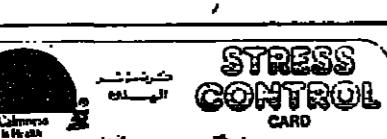
The daily said that the uprising in the occupied Palestinian lands will turn into a continuous revolution until establishment of an independent Palestinian state.

Al Omar said the ministry will spend "millions of dinars" to build murallas on various islands in Kuwaiti waters. The coast guards have comprehensive control systems, well-trained personnel and other facilities for maintenance.

### Studies

Preliminary studies to establish the Fintas base were recently done in cooperation with the Ministries of Planning and Public Works. The requirements for the base were determined in cooperation with the Kuwait Navy.

Al Omar said the number of infiltrators has reduced in recent years due to the Gulf war and the internal situation. "Close cooperation between those protecting the coasts is largely responsible for the drop in infiltration," he said.



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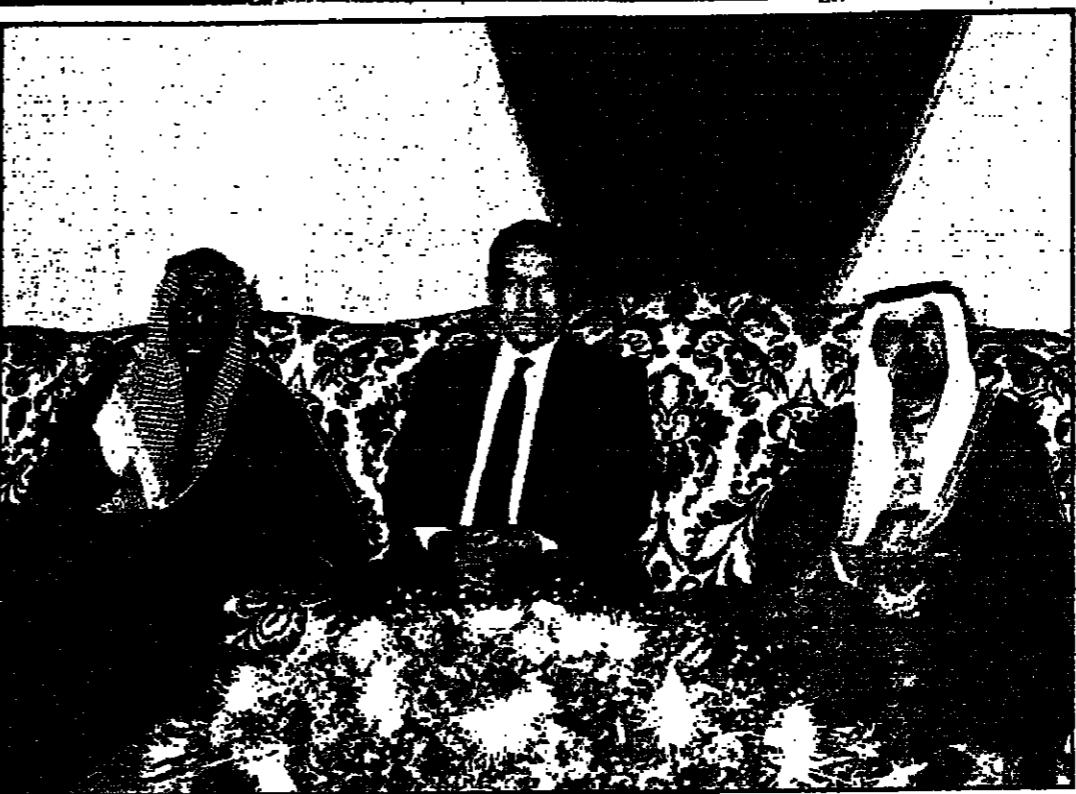
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HH the Amir (right) and Sheikh Jaber Al Ali (left) with President Mubarak at Al Salam Palace.

## Mubarak discusses defence cooperation

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Before travelling to Kuwait yesterday Mubarak said in the UAE that "Egypt will not hesitate in its commitment toward its brothers in the Gulf if they are threatened."

But the Egyptian leader played down speculation Egypt had already agreed to send forces to protect the region.

"We are not mercenaries," Mubarak told a news conference in the UAE.

Mubarak, who began his tour in Saudi Arabia, is also seeking a united Arab stand on a proposed Middle East peace conference under United Nations auspices before a planned trip to Washington later this month.

"He wants to go there and tell them 'we Arabs think' and not just Egypt," said one source accompanying the Egyptian leader.

Mubarak told a news conference in the UAE: "We should sit and agree on a joint stand in the face of Israel in order to end the deadlock in the Palestinian problem."

Mubarak was also expected to discuss financial assistance for the cash-strapped Egyptian economy during his talks in Kuwait.

"We want Egypt to solve its economic problems," Kuwait's Al Anba newspaper said yesterday. "Its economy is our economy and its stability is the safety valve for Gulf and Arab stability."

## Civil Aviation-KAC joint meeting

KUWAIT'S State Minister for Services Affairs, Issa Al Mazidi yesterday chaired a meeting for a number of officials from general administration for Civil Aviation and Kuwait Airways Corporation (KAC).

An official source at the minister's office told Kuna that the meeting aimed at coordinating between the two administrations.

## Peres wants to hand over Gaza to Jordan

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soldiers. The clashes occurred in the main commercial area and the Army used bullets and tear gas to disperse the demonstrators. Later, the Israeli Army spokesman declared Nablus a closed military area.

PLO chief Yasser Arafat accused Israel of using potentially deadly US-made tear gas against Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"Our people in the Palestinian camps found some unexploded tear gas bombs each weighing 15 kg (33 pounds), thrown by Israeli helicopters and causing suffocation, marked 'Made in USA-1988,'" he told reporters at the Baghdad headquarters of the PLO.

### Dropped

Arafat said Israeli helicopters dropped up to 300 of the bombs on the Jabalya refugee camp in the Gaza Strip alone, causing dozens of casualties.

British Foreign Office Minister David Mellor, who returned last week from a visit to Israel and the occupied Gaza Strip, said Israel should agree to international peace conference to settle the Middle East problem.

"The Israelis must accept that an international conference offers the only way out of the cycle of violence, repression and moral degradation," he wrote in a London newspaper.

President Hosni Mubarak, calling for a peace conference, said it could be possible to establish autonomy for the Palestinians in the occupied lands if the Palestinians would accept this.

## 4,000-year-old artifacts found

BAGHDAD, Jan 11. (AP): Teams excavating at the site of the ancient Assyrian City of Nimrud in northern Iraq have come across 4,000-year-old finds, the Al-Thawra daily reported yesterday.

The artifacts included some ivory sculptures, ornamental daggers dating back to the ancient Assyrian empire.

The daily did not say when the discovery was made.

The newspaper also said some mounds and other finds were unearthed, including a wall and the remains of what could be a tower.

Nimrud is 17 miles south of Mosul, the third-largest city in Iraq, the land known in ancient times as Mesopotamia. Nimrud was the Assyrians' capital.

Several foreign and Iraqi teams have been working in northern Iraq, the hub for archeological activity in the country.

## Girl who faked her own death found in Cairo

THE reported abduction in Kuwait of a 17-year-old secondary student about two months ago, might well have been the imaginative attempt of the girl, Manar, to fake her own death.

The US administration is committed to its strategic interest, thus there will be no change in maintaining its naval power in the Gulf region, he asserted.

During his visit to Japan, Khorafi is scheduled to meet with Japanese Premier Noboru Takeshita and in Singapore he will meet the finance and economy minister there.

The team will visit Malaysia, Australia, Japan and New Zealand.

He said that his meeting yesterday in Riyadh with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak dealt with the situation in the Gulf region and bilateral issues, but

he had no further details.

The US official praised the outcome of November's Arab summit of Azamara describing the restoration of diplomatic relations between Egypt and some Arab states as "an enormous success."

On his meeting today with Prime Minister Jacques Chirac, Carlucci said that the French officially asserted to him that France will not withdraw its naval force in the Gulf.

Desirable

"We view cooperation with France in the Gulf as desirable" the Defence Secretary said.

The meeting with Chirac lasted for one hour, after which a spokesman for the Matignon Palace said the talks dealt with disarmament issues.

In his press conference, Carlucci said that his talks with President Francois Mitterrand and Chirac centred on East-West relations and the situation in the Gulf.

He added that INF treaty, signed in Washington by US President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, has

been ratified by both countries.

Manar claimed that she had invented a story in which she makes her family think she has died, while, in fact, she has disappeared to a safe place to study

in Cairo.

In an interview with a Kuwaiti daily, Manar said that she loves to read police stories and watch foreign detective movies, imagining herself as one of the movie stars.

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Manar's father a Palestinian, said that he would try to find psychological help for his daughter because her imagination went beyond that which is normal and healthy.

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## EVENTS

# Sexy Bruce moonlights into marriage

**Ever since he landed the role of mad-cap smoothie David Addison in TV's hottest show, Moonlighting, Bruce Willis has never looked back. Now he's also landed a wife — superstar actress Demi Moore.**

By Alex Smith

If Bruce decided to wear underpants on his head, the rest of Hollywood would follow suit. Women find him appealing; men want to be like him. What can you say? The boy's a star.

That was the verdict of one Hollywood critic talking about Bruce Willis, star of the hit show Moonlighting (now being shown on KTV 2) and the most fanciable man on television.

Moonlighting is the snappy, sassy hip hit of a TV series. It's funny, sad, romantic and scary and a definite winner in the TV award stakes.

Its stars are Bruce Willis, Cybill Shepherd and heart-warming dialogue.

She's Maddie Hayes, a gorgeous but cool former model, bankrupt by double-dealing circumstances which forced her into running a detective business — the Blue Moon Agency.

He's detective David Addison, a bad lad with the motto: Live Fast, Die Young, Leave Clean Underwear.

But Bruce, despite his racy lifestyle and steamy scenes with Maddie Hayes on screen, has eyes only for one lady, Demi Moore. And although it will break female hearts all round the world, the couple are wonderfully and completely happy.

Demi — unlike every other woman in Hollywood — hasn't allowed herself to be charmed by Bruce's disarming twinkle that he uses to such good effect as David Addison in the TV series.

She knows better. She's a star in her own right, having appeared in the popular movie, About Last Night.

**Ceremony**

Bruce married actress Demi recently in secret, but soon after there was a lavish wedding party for 500 showbiz pals, blessed by legendary rocker Little Richard.



Left to right: Elizabeth Perkins, Demi Moore, Jim Belushi and Rob Lowe, stars of the movie, About Last Night. Now beautiful Demi has married Bruce Willis.

## WHAT'S ON

### THEATRE

KLT — Comedy  
The next production at KLT is a comedy Show Who You Are, directed by Steve Prescott. The gala performances are at 7 pm on Feb 1. Repeat performances are at 7.30 pm on Feb 2, 3, and 4. Tickets — KD 3. For reservations call: 3947631. Tickets must be collected from the Box Office two days before the performance date.

**KLT Auditions**  
Auditions for KLT's spring production The Crucible will be held at 6 pm on January 16 (Saturday). There are several excellent roles. Anyone who is interested contact Tel: 3904025. **Kuwait Players**  
Wait Until Dark, a play of Frederick Knott, will be staged at the end of March. Auditions for the two female and six male roles will be held on Jan 13, Wednesday. It will be directed by Mike Condon. To audition meet in reception area of SAS Hotel. For further details contact Tel: 5385663.

**SOCIAL**  
**Sargam Music Show**  
Sargam, a local group, will hold a music show at Messilah Beach Hotel at 6.30 pm on Feb 3. A selection of popular Urdu, Hindi, Punjabi and English songs will be presented. Entertainment also includes fire dance, lava dance and a magic show. For details phone 3260455, 7 am to 3 pm.

**Piano Concert**  
German pianist Wolfgang Lorenzen will give a recital on Jan 19 (8pm) in the Grand Ballroom of the Kuwait Hilton. He will play works by Ravel, Schumann, Liszt and



Dynamic Duo: Bruce Willis as David Addison and Cybill Shepherd as Maddie Hayes in a scene from the hit television show, Moonlighting.

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Nor have the possibilities of cashing in on the advertising world passed him by. He is being paid between five and seven million dollars to advertise Seagram's Golden Wine Cooler (an American wine and fruit drink) on television.

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"Mental exhaustion is very tricky because you don't know how far you can push yourself before you go. At the end of the day, I get into my car and I'm shaking. It's weird."

#### Fame

But Bruce isn't complaining — all he ever wanted was fame. He adds: "However long it took, I always knew I'd be a star," remembering his days of endless auditions and mopping up split beer in a bar.

"When a notice on the door said: 'don't call and don't come by', I'd do it anyway. I just crash in the door and say: 'Look here I am. Now let me read for the part'." That's more or less how he landed the part of the fast-talking smoothie in Moonlighting, after 3,000 other actors had been turned down.

He was in Los Angeles to audition for the role of Madonna's boyfriend in Desperately Seeking Susan, which he didn't get.

But when his agent told him it was the last day of casting for Moonlighting he went along.

He recalls: "I had a pair of fatigue trousers, a beatup khaki shirt, three earrings in one ear and my hair was sticking straight off my head," he remembers. "I just said, 'Hi, how are you? I'm Bruce Willis. Let's do it'."

#### Feud

Part of the reason for David's success, according to his co-star Cybill Shepherd, is that people misinterpret their on-screen chemistry.

She says: "It's not between Maddie and David, characters. It's between Cybill and Bruce. And that's what we use."

"That sexual attraction between two people can't be faked — it's there or it's not there and in our case it's there."

"The first time Bruce and I were in a room together there was a reaction. Sparks flew, if you like."

Much has been made of a rumoured off-screen feud between Bruce and Cybill. But both deny it. Bruce was always nice," says Cybill, "and he's becoming more comfortable with fame now."

He puts any arguments down to the pressure of hard work. "The stress of this show is really unbelievable," he says.

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## Thought for today

A MAN must not swallow more beliefs than he can digest — Havelock Ellis, US psychologist (1859-1939).

## Soviets looking for a face-saving way out

By Jack Redden

MOSCOW, (UPI): Like America in Vietnam, the Soviet Union appears to have finally exhausted its efforts to subdue Afghanistan and is looking only for a face-saving way to get its troops out.

The Kremlin, which kept trying to win through diplomacy what it could not get in eight years on the battlefield, seems to have finally made the unpalatable decision that it must withdraw even if it means abandoning its Afghan followers.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze returned Wednesday from two days of talks in Kabul to pro-Moscow President Najibullah, calling for a Soviet withdrawal this year.

It was the previous linkage to formation of a government that would remain after the troops withdraw — an ominous sign for the Najibullah regime that has survived only with the backing of an estimated 110,000 Soviet troops.

"It sounds like they're putting the squeeze on Najib," said a Western diplomat. He described Shevardnadze's message to the Afghan leader as, "whether you like it or not, we're getting out. So you better get your act together on national reconciliation."

In what could be interpreted as a warning to Najibullah not to stall, Shevardnadze pointedly cautioned against letting "ideology" or "personal considerations" interfere with efforts to reach peace with the Mujahideen guerrillas.

Moscow had already been spreading the story it was dissatisfied with the Afghan leader for naming himself to the presidency as well as the leadership of the Peoples Democratic Party of Afghanistan. In recent weeks Soviet officials had acknowledged Najibullah might not be part of a post-withdrawal government.

In the view of Western analysts, Moscow is most anxious now for the United States to guarantee it will not embarrass the Soviet Union further as its troops leave after a futile eight-year struggle to control a country of tribal warriors.

Shevardnadze's visit to Kabul was part of a flurry of diplomatic activity in advance of the next round of the Geneva talks on Afghanistan scheduled for February. US Undersecretary of State Michael Armacost was in Islamabad for talks with Pakistani officials at the same time.

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## White satirist mocks apartheid

By Jonathan Sharp

JOHANNESBURG. (Reuters): At one shocking moment during a show playing at a Johannesburg theatre, a white man stampeded savagely on a large black doll while a tape plays Frank Sinatra singing "I get a kick out of you."

Minutes later the audience erupts in hilarity as an actor does a wickedly accurate impersonation of South African President P. W. Botha draped in a flag of the African National Congress, the guerrilla group fighting to overthrow white rule.

The author and performer of both these sequences is a 42-year-old white South African playwright and actor, Pieter Dirk Uys.

Uys has given himself what many regard as a daunting task — making South Africans laugh about themselves, their leaders and their most sensitive political and social institutions, including apartheid race segregation.

South Africans are not renowned for their ability to poke fun at themselves, and tough censorship laws discourage artists from straying far from the ideologically straight and narrow.

Uys knows about censorship: five of his plays were banned in the 1970s. But a series of satirical revues, most of them one-man shows, that he has written and performed since 1981 have escaped the censor's attentions.



Kuomintang leaders had big change of heart

## Taiwan loosens control

By Ann Scott Tyson

TAIPEI: Human rights lawyer Yao Chia-Wen emerged from prison January 1986 after serving seven years for criticising political repression by Taiwan's authoritarian regime. Today, Yao heads the island's largest opposition party, the first to challenge the absolute power of the Kuomintang (Nationalist Party, or KMT) since Gen. Chiang Kai-shek took over in 1949.

Almost immediately the barren country of mountains and deserts was predicted to become a Soviet Vietnam. Like the United States, Soviet soldiers won battles with massive firepower but controlled practically nothing outside major urban centres.

And like the United States, the Soviet Union was condemned around the world for a war that pitted a superpower against a Third World nation. Each fall, including 1987, the United Nations passed a resolution demanding Soviet withdrawal.

**Similar**

The latest Soviet moves again are suggesting a parallel with Vietnam. Shevardnadze appeared to be leaning on the KMT regime to make concessions that will ensure a long-enough peace to get Soviet troops home — a process similar to US efforts to convince its reluctant South Vietnamese allies to go along with a peace monitory allowing US withdrawal.

The dramatic turnabout in Yao's fortunes parallels the rise of his party, the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), founded with 1,000 members in September 1986, in violation of a martial-law ban. The tiny party took 25 per cent of the vote in parliamentary elections against the 2.3-million-strong KMT in December 1986, despite tight government restrictions on the DPP campaign.

In July, President Chiang Ching-Kuo met opposition demands to lift martial law, ending the threat of trial by military court for many opposition activists and freeing more political prisoners like Yao.

Taiwan's parliament, the Legislative Yuan, is expected to pass an amendment soon that will legalise opposition parties for the first time in nearly 40 years.

Shevardnadze noted the good relations Moscow had with previous Afghan regimes, including even the monarchy, Afghanistan, land-locked and one of the poorest nations on earth, had been dominated by the Soviet Union before the coup installed a communist government and set off the rebellion.

The Soviet foreign minister's message was that the Kremlin will be able to live with the government that emerges in Afghanistan after a withdrawal.

Moscow would like to just turn the clock back a decade.

Like the United States in Vietnam, the Soviet Union would probably just prefer to forget their Afghanistan misadventure.

"The last 10 years are going to have to be erased from the history books," said a European diplomat.

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Although this broad easing of political controls gives the DPP an unprecedented opportunity to contend with the KMT, it also intensifies the factionalism that has weakened the loosely grouped coalition since its formation. Divided, the opposition would have little chance of effectively breaking the KMT's near monopoly of power.

"The KMT leaders had a big change of heart," according to Chang-Chun-Hong, one of the opposition's leading intellectuals. "Before, they believed a multi-party system would threaten their influence. Now they hope a lot of new parties will disperse the DPP's strength. So they aren't going to restrict the formation of new parties."

As newly elected chairman of the now 8,000-member DPP, Yao knows his party's success will depend on how well he can quell opposition fighting and prevent splits between the main factions that compose the DPP.

"This is not a time to argue about our detailed policies," he said. "Taiwanese need a powerful organisation to fight against the KMT. No one who concentrates only on specific problems can survive."

One major force dividing the opposition stems from Taiwan's spectacular economic success of the 1970s and '80s. Prosperity

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has spurred the development of an increasingly complex and pluralistic society. Led by a well-educated middle class that now constitutes more than half the island's population, the 19.7 million people of Taiwan are seeking political representation to match their diverse interests.

Faced with the more varied voter profile, Yao favours a united front strategy, which attempts to attract the broadest possible spectrum of supporters with a general pro-democracy, anti-government platform.

Other DPP leaders, however, are increasingly targeting specific constituencies.

In a blow to DPP's efforts to maintain solidarity, one of its 13 members with seats on Taiwan's 315-member parliament left the DPP last month to help lead a new labour party. The party, formed in November by a group of leftist intellectuals and labour organisers, seeks to win support from Taiwan's more than five million workers. A goal of the new 300-member party is to expand the power of labour unions in Taiwan, where about 18 per cent of workers are unionised, government statistics say.

In addition, a small group of DPP activists has hinted that it may form a party modelled after West Germany's Greens.

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## Hostage taking remains a particularly troublesome and effective form

## Terrorism declining

By E.A. Wayne

WASHINGTON: For the last two years, international terrorism has declined, says L. Paul Bremmer III, the United States ambassador at large for counter-terrorism.

This reflects an increasingly solid counterterrorism network among concerned countries, Bremmer says, and a growing consensus that terrorists should be treated as criminals, not political activists.

He calculated that incidents of international terrorism (as distinguished from terrorism carried out by domestic groups in their country) declined about six per cent in 1986 and have so far dropped about the same amount this year. This stands in sharp contrast with the 20 to 30 per cent annual increases in the early 1980s, he says.

Despite this cautious optimism, Bremmer says the war is far from won. The Dec. 27 terrorist attack on US servicemen in Barcelona, in which a US sailor was killed, demonstrates the continuing threat.

Hostage taking remains a particularly troublesome and effective form of terrorism, he says. The pressures on governments to make deals creates divisions in the international front against terrorists. Bremmer says, and may be making it more difficult for the US to get its eight hostages out of Lebanon.

## Support

Some states, such as Iran, also continue to support and use terrorism despite international pressures to desist, Bremmer says. Thus, closer and better international cooperation is needed, but the trends are in the right direction, he adds.

Western publics just got fed up with terrorism, Bremmer argues, and started demanding that their governments develop effective counterstrategies.

"We are now beginning to see the benefits," he says. One example is air safety. Twenty years ago, Bremmer says, there were 15 to 20 international hijackings a year; there were two each in 1986 and '87.

This reflects international cooperation on security and criminal prosecution. Work continues on ways to better detect bombs in hand luggage and baggage, he says, and just last month the International Civil Aviation

Organisation ordered all airlines to institute checks to ensure that all luggage is matched to passengers before takeoff.

More generally, the degree of police and intelligence cooperation among countries has multiplied, Bremmer says. Rather than seeking to cut deals, countries are now saying, "Let the cops do their jobs," he adds.

Cooperation in Europe has improved markedly in the last two years, he says, with the traditionally reluctant French acting as a motor force. The result has been a sharp drop in terrorist actions in Europe and the crippling of many terrorist groups.

## Tough

Similarly, governments have begun to make the tough decisions needed to bring terrorists to justice, with new laws and successful trials, Bremmer says. Britain, Italy, West Germany, France, and others have convicted terrorists with stiff sentences.

The one area of real concern, Bremmer says, is hostage taking. In recent months, four foreign hostages have been freed in Lebanon. Western intelligence sources say more than \$1 million each was paid for a West German and for a Korean. Two French hostages were released in what appears to be part of a deal with Iran.

Bremmer declines to comment directly on the ransom reports, but he says "the impression is around that hostages are being ransomed in one way or another, not necessarily with money but with some kind of promises or whatever ... If hostage holders, particularly the people holding the eight American hostages, get the impression that government will be willing to make concessions to get their citizens out, that will only prolong the agony of the Americans held hostage. It will only make it more difficult for our government to get our hostages out."

Hostage situations are among the most difficult for governments to handle, Bremmer says, because of the immense humanitarian and political pressure to free citizens. But the best way to win their freedom and prevent more hostage taking, Bremmer argues, is through a "solid front" by concerned countries not to make concessions.

Washington has made this point clear to countries with hostages in Lebanon, he says. The

US government's message to hostage holders is that "they cannot achieve their objectives by taking Americans hostage ... They're not going to get their way," Bremmer says. The administration learned a lesson in wrongly trying to sell arms to Iran, he says; firmness has to be the policy.

Bremmer argues that the US has to use the full range of tools available to fight terrorism. This includes quiet diplomacy, public statements and accords, covert action, and overt military action, as in the 1986 attack on Libya.

The threat of escalation leads to the efficacy of more quiet methods, other counterterrorism officials say. They note that the US has had significant success in closing down operations of several terrorist groups, including the one headed by Palestinian renegade Abu Nidal (the nom de guerre of Sabri Banna), with quiet diplomacy. The US approaches a country with information about an activity or individual and says: "We are concerned about this terrorist-related activity that your government may not be aware of." In most cases, officials say, the government concerned has reacted constructively.

US counterterrorism strategy is succeeding, Bremmer concludes, but success depends on credible firmness by the US and other governments in bringing terrorists to trial, not ceding to their demands, and pressuring all states to stop supporting terrorism.

One of the central elements of anti-terrorism policy is applying pressure to states that support terrorism, says Bremmer.

Dangerous State-supported terrorists are more dangerous than those operating independently, because the official aid they receive makes them harder to track, often better supplied, and provides a place of refuge, he says. The striking external enemies and internal dissidents, he adds.

Ayatollah Khomeini's regime has used terrorism against its perceived enemies ever since it came to power. Though Iran has chosen not to use terrorism recently against US interests, it has assassinated eight of its own dissidents abroad this year, and there is good reason for the US to keep its guard up.

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## Canada ponders how to maintain identity

'Living next to the United States is like sleeping with an elephant. No matter how friendly and even-tempered is the beast, one is affected by every twitch and grunt.'

By Jeff Bradley

TORONTO. (AP): Throughout their history, Canadians have feared domination by the economy and culture of the United States — dubbed by some "the Yankee trader." Now, following a sweeping free-trade agreement by the two nations, there is renewed debate in Canada about how to stay friends with Washington while maintaining the nation's own culture and identity.

Living next to the United States is like sleeping with an elephant, former Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau once said, and "no matter how friendly and even-tempered is the beast, one is affected by every twitch and grunt."

But the accord must survive determined opposition in Canada, and ratification hurdles in a protectionist US Congress before its scheduled implementation Jan. 1, 1989.

Three of Canada's 10 provinces, Labour leaders and many cultural luminaries want protective subsidies left in place and warn that the deal threatens the preservation of the 120-year-old Canadian confederation. Ed Broadbent, leader of the socialist New Democratic Party, accused Mulroney of "Volunteering Canada to be the 51st state" and said the border could disappear within 25 years. Main opposition Liberal Party leader John Turner said: "We intend to fight it every inch of the way."

Author Margaret Atwood wants Mulroney to call an election before the pact is sent to Parliament for ratification.

"If what we want is not to be Canada anymore, let's put that right out on the ballot," she said.

The Ontario Labour Federation urged members to seize their factories if jobs are endangered by low-cost US imports, while others say guaranteed US access to energy resources returns Canadians to their colonial role as "hewers of wood and drawers of water."

The dispute over the trade agreement comes against the background of other strains in US-Canadian relations. A prosperous and independent nation, Canada has long been angry about acid rain that flows across the border and damages its lakes and forests.

The Reagan administration has since successfully kept Khadafi on the political sidelines. At last November's summit of Arab nations in Amman, Libya found itself isolated on nearly every issue.

But Khadafi has fought back by trying to forge a new set of regional alliances in North Africa.

He proposed all-out political and economic union with socialist Algeria.

The Algerians, anxious not to cause offence, proposed including other nations under the guise of attempting to achieve the age-old dream of a United Arab Maghreb encompassing Algeria, Morocco, Libya, Mauritania,

and Tunisia.

Algerians was also keen to strengthen its hand with Morocco over the Western Sahara.

Six months of unprecedented diplomatic activity in the region produced last month's Tunisian-Libyan rapprochement.

Tunis severed ties in September 1985 in response to the expulsion of Libya of 33,000 Tunisian workers and their families and what it said were attempts to foment unrest in Tunisia.

Restoration of relations came a week after the foreign ministers of Algeria, Mauritania and Tunisia met in Algiers to discuss broadening a 1983 friendship pact among them.

South Africa, which has also

proposed a union with Namibia, has also

proposed a union with Botswana.

Both South Africa and Botswana

have agreed to merge as a new republic.

The coalition cabinet in Thailand collapses with resignation of Prime Minister Kukrit Pramoj.

1986 — Tamil separatist guerr

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Hong Kong to impose negative interest rates

HONG KONG, Jan 11, (Reuter): Hong Kong will be ready to impose fees on some bank deposits by early March to defend its currency, the head of the British colony's Bank Association said today.

"We have... a draft agreement which will be applied if necessary," said John Mackenzie after a special meeting of the association.

He told reporters time was needed to gain final approval of the bank group's members and to finalise the legal framework for the move. Details would be announced by the end of this week.

**Levy**

An association spokesman said negative interest rates — which would levy fees on large accounts — were aimed at countering speculation the local dollar would be revalued.

Speculative funds have poured into the colony on expectations the peg of 7.8 Hong Kong dollars to one US dollar would be adjusted.

Washington has been pressing Hong Kong to revalue, a move that would make the colony's exports less competitive and help reduce the huge US trade deficit.

Hong Kong's government has adamantly refused, saying the peg is needed to maintain political confidence ahead of the colony's return to Chinese rule in 1997.

On Saturday, the Bank Association announced a cut in the prime lending rate — interest banks charge on loans to their best customers — by 1/4 point to 5.25 per cent in a move partly designed to ease speculative pressure on the currency.

## SBI and Exim Bank to set up investment firm

NEW DELHI, Jan 11, (Kena): The government-owned State Bank of India and Exim Bank have initiated a move to set up an investment company, jointly owned by India and Arab countries. Such a company will help in a long way to attract funds from the Middle East.

The proposal was discussed in details at the recently held Indo-Arab Joint Business Council (JBC) here.

The JBC noted that the possibilities of Arab investment in India were not upto the expectations of the government. There was no proper financial infrastructure facilities which could be utilised by the Arab countries for investment.

**Need**

The fifth Indo-Arab JBC also stressed the need to boost trade between Indians and Arabs particularly with the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) nations.

It was decided to set up Indo-Arab Chamber of Commerce with the objective of facilitating day to day business between India and the Arab nations.

The proposed joint chamber could expedite the process of cases for joint ventures and business cooperation. The chamber headquarters should be set up either in Delhi or Bombay with its branches in all Arab nations.

It was also agreed that Indian chamber would examine the working of bilateral chambers in Indian and prepare a note for the benefit of the Union of Arab Chambers.

The low level of trade between India and the Arab nations was not in keeping with the close geographical proximity and the excellent political relations and traditional ties.

India's trade was confined to few commodities and few Arab nations. A major part of the trade is with the UAE, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Iraq.

## Saudis ship first wheat to Moscow

BAHRAIN, Jan 11, (Reuter): The first shipment of Saudi wheat bound for the Soviet Union has left the port of Jeddah, the Saudi Press Agency reported today.

The 25,000-tonne shipment is part of a larger consignment to be completed later. Abdul-Rahman ibn Hasan Al Sheikh, Minister of Water Resources and Agriculture, told the agency.

He said Saudi Arabia, which heavily subsidises its wheat production, had also agreed to sell 300,000 tonnes of wheat to China.

## Reagan-Takeshita talks to focus on trade, stable dollar

# Stability vital to regain market confidence

WASHINGTON, Jan 11, (Reuter): Japan's Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita arrives tomorrow for critical talks with President Reagan on tense US-Japan trade relations and the need for stable currency exchange rates.

US and Japanese officials say the two sides generally agree on ways to avoid sharp fluctuations in the yen-dollar link but remain far apart on many trade issues.

**First**

Takeshita will be here on his first visit since becoming prime minister last November. He will meet Reagan on Wednesday.

He will also have talks with Secretary of State George Shultz and visit Congress, where he is likely to face sharp charges that unfair Japanese trade practices are costing American jobs and closing factories.

Takeshita leaves Washington on Friday for Ottawa and talks with Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

Administration officials say Reagan hopes to fashion the same kind of close relationship he developed with Takeshita's predecessor Yasuhiro Nakasone, although their warm rap-



President Reagan



Noboru Takeshita

Reagan and Takeshita are expected to stress that continued stability is vital to regain the confidence of global markets.

The dollar, under pressure from continued high US trade deficits, has dropped sharply the past year against the yen, from about 160 yen to the dollar to the current level.

### Criticism

The growing US trade deficit with Japan — and the world — will dominate the Reagan-Takeshita talks officials said. The overall deficit is running at about \$170 billion with one-third of it coming in trade with Japan.

US officials said Takeshita's talks with Reagan are likely to be as amiable and productive as possible considering the trade strains between the two countries.

But Takeshita will meet sharp criticism in his talks with congressmen, many of whom are

running for re-election in the autumn and see trade as a potent campaign issue.

Political analysts say congressmen see "Japan-bashing" as a useful campaign tactic in the face of the number of jobs lost and factories closed because of foreign imports, from cars and steel to electronic products and clothing.

But both the United States and Japan are under pressure to take steps to reduce the trade imbalance. The United States needs to reduce its huge federal budget deficit, while Japan needs to open its markets more to foreign goods.

### Knows

"Reagan knows very well what he should do and Takeshita knows very well what he should do," one Japanese official said.

He said both sides were moving in the right direction but faced domestic pressures that inhibited their actions.

## World Business Summary

# Hungary to free most prices from April

BUDAPEST, Jan 11, (Reuter): The Hungarian government will relinquish control of most consumer prices at the end of March, the official news agency MTI said today. "Central authorities will continue to keep a tab on price changes only up to March 31, after which date free prices will be introduced with the exception of staples and some public services," it said.

The move is the latest of many market-oriented measures to be introduced by Hungary, an Eastern European pathfinder in economic reform. In its new Econews Service inaugurated today, MTI gave details of sweeping price increases this month, part of a government programme that also abolishes subsidies and introduces Eastern Europe's first Value Added Tax (VAT). As of January 1, the price of 53 per cent of all goods and services rose by an average of 16.2 per cent. The prices of 39 per cent of goods were unchanged, while those of eight per cent fell by an average of 10.9 per cent. The government expects retail prices to rise by around 15 per cent this year, up from around nine per cent in 1987 and the highest rate since the early 1950s. MTI said the new taxation should boost state budget income to 673.5 billion forints (now \$14.2 billion) this year from 606.9 billion forints (\$12.8 billion) in 1987. Taxes on company earnings will fall by between 14 and 34 per cent, while taxes on products will rise by between 24 to 36 per cent. The net profits of companies should rise to 5.7 per cent this year from 5.4 per cent in 1988. The government expects the new policy to curb consumption, releasing resources to boost exports and cut debts.

## Stock exchange chief hopes Black Monday won't recur

WASHINGTON, Jan 11, (AP): The New York Stock Exchange chairman said yesterday there are no guarantees that October's Black Monday won't recur in the wake of Friday's market plunge, and he hopes institutional investors have learned their lessons. The large sales by a small number of institutional investors contributed to the 500-point meltdown on Oct 19, according to a presidential panel report. "Of course there is no guarantee," exchange chairman John Phelan said on NBC-TV's "Meet the Press" interview programme. "But I would hope that those people who were active in this market and using those mechanisms in the weekend of Oct 19 have learned something about not only how to protect themselves, but also their responsibilities to the market, and their responsibilities to 180 million Americans, who either directly or indirectly invested in that market." And so I would hope that those lessons were learned and we would not have another repeat of the October 19th event," he said. The market dropped a record 108.35 points on Oct 16, falling more than 100 points for the first time. Three days later, when buyers and sellers returned to work today, stocks plummeted more than 500 points in a plunge that rivalled the great crash of 1929. About two weeks later, President Ronald Reagan appointed a task force, headed by former Sen. Nicholas Brady, to study the crash. The five-member Task Force on market mechanisms recommended Friday that one agency, preferably the Federal Reserve Board, coordinate the nation's financial markets. The panel also called for coordination of "circuit-breaker mechanisms" when the stock market in New York and the futures Market in Chicago get overheated.

## Iranian team in Tokyo for energy talks

TOKYO, Jan 11, (Opec): Iran's Deputy Petroleum Minister Hossein Kazempour Ardabili arrived here today at the head of a delegation for unofficial talks with Japanese government and oil company officials on the purchase of Iranian oil. The visit follows reports that some Japanese companies would cut their imports of Iranian oil on instructions from the Japanese Ministry of Trade and Industry. The Iranian National News Agency, IRNA, reported today that the Japanese ministry had dismissed reports that 323 per cent of Iranian oil exports to Iran would be cut this year. Last week, Iranian Minister of Petroleum Gholamreza Agazadeh said in Tehran that he had received no formal notice from the Japanese side that imports of Iranian oil would be reduced. IRNA added that earlier the ministry had advised Japanese companies to cut oil purchases from Iran "in response to US pressures on Japan for joining Washington-led sanctions against Iran." Ardabili, IRNA said, would try to convince Japanese companies that they should continue to import the same volume of oil from Iran as in the past.

## China discusses law, giving factories more freedom

BEIJING, Jan 11, (AP): China's top legislative body began today discussing a draft law on separating ownership and management of state-owned businesses, a key goal in the nation's economic reforms. The official media said the 130-member Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, China's parliament, opened a 10-day session by deliberating on the crucial industrial enterprise law.

The Xinhua news agency said the body decided to make public the full text of the draft law to solicit opinions from local congresses officials and experts. The Standing Committee is meeting for the last time before the NPC holds its annual plenary session in March. The enterprise law, which won the endorsement of the Communist Party politburo last week, is expected to be passed at the NPC session. China began experimenting with separation of ownership and management several years ago, and now about 5,000, or two-thirds, of all large and medium-size state enterprises operate under some form of director responsibility system. Under the system, the factory's party secretary is to stick to party affairs and not interfere with the running of the factory.

The manager is given authority over the planning, finances and personnel and is responsible for profits and losses. Although generally regarded as successful, separation of powers in numerous instances has run into difficulties because managers have lacked a legal basis on which to defend their new powers.

## New oil finds 'vital'

JAKARTA, Jan 11, (Opec): Indonesian Minister of Mines and Energy Dr Subroto has said here that oil well production levels in Indonesia were generally low, so it was necessary to make new discoveries. According to the minister, with the currently available technology, the output of the existing wells could only be increased by about 25 per cent. By applying enhanced recovery technologies, including steam technology as conducted by Caltex, the largest oil producing contractor in Indonesia, the output levels could be increased by 50 per cent. But the production cost could come up by as high as 50 to 75 per cent, he added.

He said that to attract foreign companies in oil exploration and development programmes in Indonesia, the government had taken a number of measures, including simplification of procedures and automatic extension of production-sharing contracts which were about to be terminated.

Contracts however would be extended on the basis of an investment cost plan and the past performance of the contractors, he added.

Commercial potential had been defined in order to ascertain the exact volume of profit from each well, he said.

On the development of prices on the international oil market, he said that if all Opec members abided by the agreement reached in Vienna last month, the official reference price of \$18 a barrel as set by the Organisation could be realised.

The price of \$16 a barrel to prepare the 1988-89 draft Indonesian state budget was based on "very cautious" calculations, he added.

## BP bounces back from market crash to pursue aggressive drive

LONDON, Jan 11, (Reuter): BP, one of the "seven sisters", the multinationals which controlled world oil before Opec's rise in the 1970s, trails only Exxon of the United States and the Anglo-Dutch Shell Group in — and, indeed, prompted by — some long-standing and unresolved global economic problems."

Among these listed widening trade imbalances between Japan, West Germany and the United States "together with rapidly changing interest and foreign exchange rates."

What the report called the "Wall Street shock", quickly assumed global proportions and "that crisis also highlighted the

underwriters, who were left with most of the shares, the government agreed to buy back at 70 pence (\$1.25) new shares for which investors had paid a £1.20 (\$2.15) deposit.

But the rescue plan ended on January 6 with only a modest uptake reported by the Bank of England.

Those to have decided to hold on to BP stock included the Kuwait Investment Office (KIO), which invests the Gulf state's petrodollars and has built a stake of almost 20 per cent of BP.

Analysts believe its actions made BP executives nervous, partly because of the chance it could sell its stake to an unwelcome party — although many experts doubt if rivals Exxon or Shell would bite because of British and US monopoly laws.

To help small investors and

## Soviet collective farm rules liberalised under new draft

MOSCOW, Jan 11, (Reuter): The Soviet Union has drafted new collective farm statutes giving agricultural workers greater scope for private initiative and allowing farms to set up direct trade links with the West.

The draft rules, published today in the newspaper Sovetskaya Rossiya, are expected to be discussed at a countrywide congress of collective farmers provisionally scheduled for March, analysts said.

### Reform

They said the statutes reflected Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev's calls for reform to boost agricultural output by creating greater incentives for workers on collective farms.

"The kolkhoz (collective farm) is a school of communism for the peasantry," the draft stated in a preface.

It made clear there were no intention to weaken the collective farm system which Josef Stalin forcibly created in the early 1930s at a cost estimated by Western historians at millions of lives. But it restored the principle that membership in a kolkhoz was voluntary.

The rules say kolkhoz workers may use the collective's farm machinery and pastures for gardening on private plots and private livestock breeding.

Previously families were expected to use their own equipment for gardening on private plots.

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Under the system, the factory's party secretary is to stick to party affairs and not interfere with the running of the factory.

The manager is given authority over the planning, finances and personnel and is responsible for profits and losses. Although generally regarded as successful, separation of powers in numerous instances has run into difficulties because managers have lacked a legal basis on which to defend their new powers.

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## French state firms sell-off brings \$11.5b in 1987

PARIS, Jan 11, (Reuter): The French state received 66.7 billion francs (\$11.5 billion) from its privatisation sales of state firms to shareholders last year. 5.3 billion francs (\$914 million) more than expected, the Finance Ministry said yesterday.

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# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1988

## International Bond Highlights

**London**—Chase Manhattan securities is cutting 19 of 120 positions in its Eurobonds, UK, government bonds and US treasuries business in a cost-cutting effort, a spokesman said.

**London**—Prudential Bache capital funding is withdrawing as a market maker in floating rate notes, making three traders redundant, a company spokeswoman said.

**London**—Ireland is issuing a 30 billion yen Eurobond due April 28, 1993, paying 5-1/8 pct and priced at 101-3/8 pct.

**London**—Sanken Electric Co Ltd is issuing a 100 mn dir equity warrant Eurobond due February 4, 1993, paying an indicated five pct and priced at par.

## Interbank Rates

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN	8-3/8 1/8	8-11/16 9/16	9-1/16 8-15/16
FFT	3.00/10	3.35/45	3.40/50
PAR	7-15/16 8-1/16	8 8-1/8	8-7/16 9/16
ZUR	1/8 .38	1-7/8 2-1/8	2-1/2 2-3/4
BRX	4.75	6-9/16 11/16	6-9/16 11/16
ROM	6-5/8 10	10-1/8 10-5/8	10-3/8 10-7/8
ANS	4-3/8 4-1/2	4-1/4 4-3/8	4-3/8 4-1/2
TOK	3.5625 6250	3.7500 8125	3.8750 9575
ECU	6.25 6.50	6.43 6.56	6.62 6.75

## Interest Rates

**Following** are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday:

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	4-13/16	5-3/8
3 months	5-1/16	5-9/16
6 months	5-5/16	5-15/16
1 year	5-5/16	6

## BOMBAY

	PR CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GNFC	37	36.75	35 NODIAKALI	6	--
ACC	168	176	173	GRAYON120	--	--	MARDACHMT	--	--
ABBDADV	--	--	--	GSFC	109	108	105 ORKAY	27.50	30 27.50
ABBDADV400	--	--	--	CLIPETRO	27	24	25 PREMAUTO	26.25	28 28
ANDHRA CEM	10.50	10	10.50	GHALIGRON	103	102.50	99.50 RAYHOLD CO	96	96 95
BAJAJ AUTO	501.50	510	500	RHD LAMPS	--	--	RELIANCE	115	114 115
BAL RAYON	168	160	165	IND ORG	22	21	22 SPIC	37	36.50 33.50
BAL DYING	110.50	109	106.50	INDRAYON	56	54	55 STD MILLS	215	225 225
BOMBAY STOCK PRICES	707.50	710	697.50	ITC CD	217.50	217.50	201.25 STOMEDICAL	--	13 14
BSE INDEX	448.15	456.6	456.6	ITC	40	38.50	39.50 STEELTUBE	--	10 10
CENTURYSPG	707.50	710	697.50	ITC	--	--	TATA PAR	187.50	-- 190
COLGATE	211.25	210	207.50	JX 120	--	--	TATACHEM	71	72+ 71
DEEPAKERT	37	35.50	35.50	JKSNTW	67	67	66 TATAOIL	83	83 85
DHCARMENT	--	--	--	L AND T	86	91.50	89 TELCO	362	365 365
FICOM ORG	--	--	--	HAGABARD	--	--	UDAIPHOSH	--	--
GARGPOLY	84	83	83	MAHINDRA	53	61.50	59.50 VOLTS	--	280 285

## FRANKFURT

	STOCK	LAST	PR-CLOSE	STOCK	LAST	PR-CLOSE	MITSUB CP	0	999
AEG	181.0	189.0	189.0	AIJINMOTO	0	3070	MITSUB EST	0	565
ALLIANZ VR	1141.0	1205.0	1205.0	AKAI ELEC	0	447	MITSUB HVY	0	560
BAEWEWERK	173.0	171.0	171.0	AOKI	0	960	MITSUI CO	0	645
BAFAS	243.5	252.4	252.4	ASAHI GAS	0	1740	MITSUKOSHI	0	1480
BAYER HYP	257.0	267.5	267.5	ASAHI OPT	0	537	MITSUMI EL	0	1050
BAYER VER	310.0	327.0	327.0	BANK TOKYO	0	1340	NICHICON	0	1310
BBC	285.0	293.5	293.5	BRIDGESTON	0	1230	NIKKO SEC	0	1550
BIF	305.0	318.0	318.0	CANON	0	983	NIKKO SEC	0	2130
BWU	458.0	483.0	483.0	CASTO COMP	0	1220	NIP ELECT	0	2130
CHENIE-VER	0	120.0	120.0	CHUGAI MNG	0	1450	NIP KOKAN	0	292
COMMERZBK	209.0	215.5	215.5	CITIZEN W	0	585	NIP OIL	0	1070
CONTI GUMM	195.7	203.0	203.0	D-ICHI KAN	0	2790	NIP STEEL	0	392
DAIMER BEN	575.5	597.0	597.0	DAI NIP IK	0	743	NIP YUSEN	0	485
DEUTSCHE BMK	404.3	421.0	421.0	DAI NIP PT	0	2440	NIS MOTOR	0	770
DLW	295.0	300.0	300.0	DAI NIP SC	0	885	NORWA SEC	0	3090
DRESDNER B	229.5	235.0	235.0	DAI NIP TO	0	433	OHBA CO	0	980
DT BARCOCK	156.5	163.0	163.0	DAICEL	0	767	OLYMPUS	0	995
FAI INDEX	415.91	425.99	425.99	DAIMA H-	0	1550	PENTA OCN	0	763
GOLDSCHMID	226.0	232.0	232.0	DAIMA SEC	0	1990	PIONEER	0	2880
GUTENHOFF	0	0	0	EBRA MFG	0	759	RENOMA	0	810
HARPEREN	379.0	383.0	383.0	EISAI	0	2110	RTCON	0	1270
HOECHST AG	245.5	253.0	253.0	FUJITSU	0	1470	SANKEY	0	1720
HOSCHI	90.5	94.5	94.5	FUJI BAN	0	3070	SANTOY ELEC	0	441
HORTEN	155.0	156.0	156.0	FUJI PHOTO	0	4150	SEIYU ST	0	1530
KALI SALZ	117.0	119.8	119.8	FUJISAWA	0	1820	SEKISUI PB	0	1700
KARSTADT	393.5	407.0	407.0	FUJITA CP	0	655	SHARP	0	990
KAUFHOF	372.5	384.5	384.5	HITACHI	0	1300	SHISEIDO	0	1470
KLOECK H.	87.8	91.0	91.0	HONDA MOT	0	1410	SONY	0	4970
KLOECK W.	0	79.0	79.0	ISETAN	0	1380	SUMITOMO	0	910
LINDE	524.0	540.0	540.0	ITO YOKADO	0	3840	TAISEI	0	850
LUFTKANSA	132.8	137.0	137.0	JAP AIR	0	13000	TAISHO NRN	0	1030
MANNESMAN	143.0	149.8	149.8	JAPAN MET	0	423	TEKADA CH	0	3050
NERCDES	105.5	110.5	110.5	KAJIMA	0	1440	TEIJIN	0	798
METALLGES	465.0	482.0	482.0	KANSAI EL	0	2590	TKO NEW IX	0	818.43
PHILIP KON	617.0	622.0	622.0	KANSAI EL	0	2590	TOKIO NRN	0	1810
PORSCHRE	402.5	438.0	438.0	KAR SOAP	0	1850	TOKYO ELEC	0	1140
PREUSSAG	111.0	116.0	116.0	KAWASAKI H	0	280	TOKYO GAS	0	857
PIA	167.0	173.0	173.0	KAWASAKI S	0	322	TOKYO POWR	0	4970
RHEIN P	213.5	216.5	216.5	KIRIN BREW	0	2100	TORAY IND	0	764
RHEINMET	205.0	207.5	207.5	KOMATSU	0	595	TOSHIBA EL	0	668
SALAHANDER	220.0	224.0	224.0	KUBATO LTD	0	535	TOTO	0	2060
SCHERING	353.8	361.0	361.0	KYOCERA	0	5650	TOYO KKOGY	0	405
SEI	298.0	302.0	302.0	MAKITA EL	0	1600	TOYOTA MOT	0	1900
SIEMENS	350.0	363.0	363.0	MARU	0	2950	YAMAHA	0	899
THYSSEN	106.0	112.9	112.9	MATSUTA EI	0	2280	YAMAIUCHI	0</	

## No plan to go on election-year spending spree, says Feldt

STOCKHOLM, Jan 11. (UPI) — Swedish Finance Minister Kjell-Olof Feldt today presented a tight budget proposal, saying he refused to go on an election-year spending spree in the face of an unruly domestic labour market and an uncertain world economy.

Feldt said the 353.3 billion-krona (\$59.4 billion) draft budget, which for the most part lacked new programmes, was intended to keep the economy healthy — not to fish votes for the Sept. 18 election.

### Moderate

Urging labour unions to be moderate in the ongoing wage talks, the Social Democratic finance minister said high wage increases would backfire by damaging the economy and in the long run produce unemployment and lower real wages.

Another reason for keeping the budget for fiscal 1988-89 tight was the problematic world economy and lack of political measures to cure the imbalance in the trade among the United States, Japan and West Germany, the finance minister told a news conference.

The draft budget was a wait-and-see proposal until the domestic and international scenes crystallized, commented Swedish Radio, predicting vote-getting programmes would be announced closer to the election date.

### Optimistic

Nevertheless, Feldt's budget was optimistic about the outlook for Sweden's inflation and budget deficit, predicting the rise in price levels to be 3 per cent this year, down from 5-6 per cent in 1987.

The budget deficit would continue to decline to 12 billion kronor (\$2 billion) or 1.5 percent of Gross National Product, which is only one tenth of the deficit's proportion to GNP in 1982, the proposal showed.

On the bad side, Feldt estimated that the GNP, a measure of economic growth, would increase by only 1.9 per cent compared to 2.3 per cent for 1987, and that the balance of trade deficit would more than double to 12 billion kronor (\$2 billion).

## Jaguar sales surge

LONDON, Jan 11. (AP) — Jaguar PLC said today that sales of its luxury cars rose 14 per cent in 1987 from the year before and said it is pressing ahead with plans to boost production by 17 percent in the current year.

The decision to boost 1988 production to 56,000 cars from 48,000 last year was taken despite a downturn in US sales.

Jaguar sold 22,919 cars in the United States in 1987, down 6 per cent from 24,464 cars the year before.

Jaguar said sales declined in the United States because the new XJ6 model wasn't introduced until mid-year.

In Europe, where the new model was introduced at the start of the year, sales rose strongly.

British sales rose 46 per cent to 11,102 cars, while on the continent, sales rose 51 per cent to 6,350.

Worldwide, Jaguar sold 46,612 cars compared with 40,971 in 1986.

There were particularly strong gains in Italy, France, Canada and Japan, the company said.

The company expects to sell 26,000 cars in the United States in 1988, 13 per cent more than last year, said a Jaguar official, who wasn't identified according to British practice.

The company was encouraged by December's sales, which at 2,848 cars were the second highest monthly figures ever recorded in the United States and were up 6 per cent from the same month a year ago, the official said.

## Dollar eases slightly

# Markets keep their nerve, Wall Street erratic

LONDON, Jan 11. (Reuters) — European foreign exchanges and share markets held their nerve today afternoon as Wall Street moved erratically in early trading.

But the mood was jittery with many players waiting on the sidelines for some clearer direction from the influential US market which opened mixed, rallied, headed lower and then rallied again in the first 90 minutes of trading.

### Up-and-down

"New York's sharp up-and-down moves are keeping people out of the market. It's very nervous," said one London dealer.

The dollar eased slightly after US shares weakened, but it stayed above the morning lows which it had touched before several central banks bought dollars to halt its slide.

Dealers in New York said the US Federal Reserve had entered the foreign exchange market in

early American trading to buy dollars for marks. Earlier, European dealers said the Swiss, West German, Italian and British central banks had also intervened after Bank of Japan buying in Asia's trading time.

As the dollar weakened, the gold price rose. But it was fixed in London this afternoon off its highs at \$483.90 an ounce after closing on Friday at \$482.25.

The intervention has taken the speculation out of the market," one dealer for a US-based bank said. He added that without central bank help the dollar would be dropping. "All fundamentals look distinctly bad for the dollar," he added.

### Subdued

Dealers said trading was likely to remain subdued until the release of US trade figures for November on Friday.

In late afternoon, in Europe the dollar was trading at 1,6347 West German marks and 128 Japanese yen after closing in

London on Friday at 1,65 and 129.05. It had finished earlier in Tokyo at 1,6429 marks and 128.50 yen.

Europe's markets, still haunted by memories of "Black Monday" in October, were having their first trading session since a 140-point Wall Street plunge on Friday. Superstitious investors noted this was the 13th week after the crash of '87.

### Lower

But the dollar held its ground at lower levels and European share prices moved in a narrow range after the news that the US market was moving erratically.

An hour and a half after it opened, the Dow Jones Industrial average was 6.46 points up at 1917.77.

Dealers reckoned that if there was a sharp fall in the US market today then European markets might lose their resolve.

"Investors are not too worried over a one-day drop in the US but if it rolls over into two days

they will lose heart," one London dealer said before the US market opened.

London dealers had warned that if shares on Wall Street fell sharply today a far heavier wave of selling than that this morning would hit the London market tomorrow.

### Unchanged

The London Financial Times Stock Exchange (FTSE) index of 100 leading shares, which opened at a low of 1,727.5 points compared with a close on Friday of 1,773.4, was 1,753.1 points prior to Wall Street's opening at 1430 GMT. It was virtually unchanged an hour before its close at 1,753.6.

Several markets closed before the Wall Street opening. In Frankfurt, West German shares ended about five per cent below Friday's finish. Luxury car-maker Porsche, which relies heavily on dollar earnings was particularly hard hit, dealer said.

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Swiss shares closed sharply lower on low turnover with the All-Share Swiss index 4.5 per cent below Friday's close. Prices in Belgium, Italy and Norway also showed hefty falls.

### Exempt

Brokers said the extent to which Asian and European markets follow America down, and in turn perhaps influence Wall Street later, may depend on how far the dollar can hold on to its recent gains despite renewed worries about the US economy.

Before European business began, Tokyo, the world's biggest stock market, fell 294.13 points — a modest 1.29 per cent — to 22,578.43 points. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index was down 59.87 points, or 2.4 per cent at 2,400.80.

## Iranian team to discuss pipeline with Turkey

NICOSIA, Jan 11. (AP) — An Iranian delegation flew to Istanbul today for final negotiations on building a 900-mile (1,440-km) pipeline from Iran's southern oilfields to Turkey, a safer route for its vital exports.

Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Nicosia, reported that the team was led by Mohammad Javad Asempour, director of the Ahvaz oilfields in Khuzestan province.

An Iranian technical team went to Turkey Jan 4 to start discussions on the pipeline that would pump crude oil from the Ahvaz fields to Iskenderun on southeastern Turkey's Mediterranean coast.

Informed industry sources said the pipeline would likely have a capacity of 1.4 million barrels a day, which is about Iran's current export level.

Nezih Berkam, general manager of Turkey's pipeline company, Botas, said last week: "We expect to reach a final decision whether to build a Turco-Iranian pipeline or not."

### Overland

An Ahvaz-Iskenderun pipeline would provide Iran with its first overland route, less vulnerable than before, for oil exports that finance Teheran's war effort that Western economists estimate costs \$10 billion to 12 billion a year.

Tehran last summer announced negotiations with Moscow to convert the Iga-I gas pipeline into the southern Soviet Union to pump 700,000 barrels of oil a day to the Black Sea.

The Iranians have said they are producing pipe in Ahvaz for that project, with a planned capacity of pumping 1 million barrels of oil a day. But it is not clear how far advanced that project is.

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The report came after Saudi Arabia announced for the first time in 25 years its intention to extend the lower prices until the end of March was expected to be finalised during the Iranian's visit at the head of a high-level delegation, setting the stage for signing contracts for new oil sales.

The weekly said pressure on producers to lower prices below the Open level is expected to intensify with Iran, which depends on oil revenue to finance its war effort against Iraq, also offering hefty discounts for its oil.

The weekly said that the state-run National Iranian Oil Co. has "verbally indicated" to Japanese customers that it is willing to extend sales at market-related prices for the first quarter of the year.

The weekly did not give any details. But it noted that Opec members Iran, Iraq and Qatar, along with non-OPEC Oman, are also selling oil at market prices for the first quarter of the year.

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A MAN walks along a track leading to the former Tolg monastery which has been donated to the Russian Orthodox Church. The former monastery, which is of immense architectural and historical value, is being restored by the Yaroslav Eparchial Board. The monastery will eventually be used as an armory by the church in the Soviet Union. (Reuter wirephoto)



THE Patriarch of Jerusalem, Nazareth-born Michel Sabbah received the Sacred Pallium from Indian Cardinal Simon D. Lourdusamy, Prefect of Oriental Churches at a service in the Vatican yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)



ISRAELI riot policemen drag to their van a Palestinian arrested during an anti-Israeli demonstration in East Arab Jerusalem on Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)



A PLAINCLOTHES policeman arrests one of the alleged goons who stormed the five-star hotel Silahis International on Monday. At least six employees were wounded and 32 hired goons were arrested. (Reuter wirephoto)



PHILIPPINE President Corazon Aquino makes a "laban" (fight) sign during a local elections campaign rally for her candidates in Las Pinas, a town outside Manila, on Monday. (Reuter wirephoto)



VIOLETA CHAMORRO (left), publisher of the opposition newspaper, La Prensa, greets supporters during a Mass in Managua on Sunday, marking the tenth anniversary of the assassination of her husband, Pedro Chamorro, killed by agents of the dictator Anastasio Somoza. His murder sparked uprisings that led to the Sandinista Revolution that deposed Somoza. (Reuter wirephoto)



TENNESSEE Senator Albert Gore, who is seeking the Republican presidential nomination, takes aim while shooting clay pigeons on a campaign stop on Sunday in New Hampshire. (Reuter wirephoto)



SOVIET Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov (left) arrived in Sweden yesterday for a four-day visit. He was met by Swedish Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson. The two will discuss Baltic Sea territorial rights. (Reuter wirephoto)



ALEXANDER DUCEK (left), the man behind Czechoslovakia's "Prague Spring", is seen in Wenceslas Square, Rome, December, 1987, after an interview with Renzo Foa, deputy editor-in-chief of Italian newspaper L'Unità. At right are two unidentified men. (Reuter wirephoto)



CURIOS Peking residents walk through a Chinese style gate and past an eight-metre-high pagoda made of ice as they weave their way through an exhibition of 140 ice sculptures that opened Monday in the city's Beihai Park. The sculptures were made by artists from the city of Harbin in China's northeast which is famous for its annual ice festival. (Reuter wirephoto)



PICTURE above shows West German Christine Endrigkeit, 27, who has been arrested for having planted a bomb in West Berlin's disco "La Belle" on April 5, 1986. A wooden cross has been placed across from the disco (left) today where two US servicemen and a Turkish woman were killed and 200 injured. (Reuter wirephoto)



SOVIET leader Mikhail Gorbachev (right) meets with new Czechoslovak Communist Party leader Milos Jakes yesterday for talks on their countries' domestic and foreign policies. (Reuter wirephoto)

## ENVIRONMENT

Pollution knows no boundaries

## Concern for environment unites East, West Europe

By William Echikson

**HELSINKI:** When East German leader Erich Honecker recently travelled to Bonn, he rebuked most West German demands, saying "socialism and capitalism are like fire and water." But he agreed to increase cooperation on the environment.

The story's moral is clear: While East and West Europe talk a different, hostile language on most issues, they understand each other's concern about environment.

Bilateral environment pacts are becoming common. After signing its agreement with East Germany, Bonn initiated a pollution pact in October with Czechoslovakia, while under another treaty, Austria and Hungary share information on ecological problems.

Multilateral East-West negotiations also have led to progress. Witness the worldwide agreement signed this September in Montreal to reduce chlorofluorocarbons, the propellants in aerosol sprays.

Inside Europe, 32 countries from both East and West signed a path-breaking treaty in 1984 to reduce sulphur emissions by 30 per cent. According to Finnish officials chairing the negotiations, the same East-West group is close to reaching a new agreement to reduce nitrogen oxide.

"Ecology is a 'safe' issue," explains Aira Kalela, director of the International Affairs Division of the Finnish Ministry of Environment. "It doesn't provoke East-West conflicts like human rights."

"Pollution knows no boundaries," adds a Hungarian diplomat. "Against it, there are no effective fences. Checkpoint Charlie."

Scandinavia illustrates the problem. Officials in both Finland and Sweden say about two-thirds of acid rain comes from abroad, much of it from Eastern Europe. The pollution threatens their forests, a major industry in both countries.



For the Nordic countries, what happens in Poland, East Germany, Czechoslovakia isn't an abstract issue," says Markku Wallin, an environmental specialist at the Central Organisation of Finnish Trade Unions. "It directly affects our health — personal and economic."

Despite the economic logic, it took a long time to force these ecological concerns across the ideological divide. In 1972, Sweden presented to the UN a case study on sulphur's negative impact on the forests. Further scientific study proved the Swedish case, but practical progress only came in 1979 in the follow-up talks to the Helsinki security accord.

"Former Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev asked himself, 'In what area could we all cooperate?'" recalls Ms Kalela. "Environment was the answer."

### President

The Soviet timing was prescient. The state of the environment was becoming a topical issue in Western Europe, particularly in pivotal West Germany. The sulphur talks quickly moved to completion, though various obstacles hinder further progress. But Washington's attitude worries the Scandinavians. The Reagan administration refused to sign the sulphur agreement. It claimed it would compromise sensitive bilateral negotiations on the issue with Canada, and remains

hesitant about the proposed nitrogen oxide agreement.

"On the one hand, we has done a lot to reduce pollution on car emissions," says Lars Björklund of the Swedish Ministry of Environment. "On the other hand, the administration always is scared of making multilateral commitments."

One of the most pressing problems for Soviet-bloc countries is funding cleanup. Poland says it cannot afford to meet the sulphur accord and other communist governments that are investing large sums to fight sulphur complain about the cost of reducing nitrogen emissions.

A solution would be for the richer Western countries to pay. It would be cheaper and more effective for Finland or Sweden to help finance the fight against pollution in Poland and East Germany than at home.

"Since we have a lot less pollution than in Poland, we must spend a lot more than they to lower pollution levels," explains Kalela, the Finnish diplomat. "But politically it's difficult to justify paying for projects abroad."

Another problem is technology transfer. Though Western filters for coal-power plants guarantee a 40 per cent to 50 per cent cut in nitrogen-oxide emissions, East European equipment only produces a 10 to 15 per cent reduction. Before they sign an accord, the East Europeans want the West to donate its anti-nitrogen technology, a request the West refuses out of financial and security considerations.

"At a certain stage in the negotiations, we always find ourselves in front of the CoCom restrictions," says a Hungarian diplomat, referring to the Coordinating Committee on Export Controls, a Western organization that restricts transfer of high-technology materials to the Soviet bloc. "But the main question is, as usual, who pays?"

The Christian Science Monitor

By Myra MacDonald

**LUXEMBOURG:** If you eat bananas, live high above sea level, travel frequently by air, or tend towards vegetarianism, you are probably increasing your exposure to radiation.

Natural background radiation, in food, in the air, and in the ground, affects everybody to varying degrees, may be associated with cancer, and is generally impossible to control.

Scientists point this out to alay persistent fears about radiation aroused by last year's Chernobyl disaster, which killed 31 people and sent a cloud of radioactivity across Europe.

Many scientists say that if the increase in radioactivity caused by Chernobyl were put in perspective against natural radiation, everyone would be much less worried.

Even in the year after Chernobyl, the estimated total dose of radiation received by people in Europe is less than 10 per

## Scientists point to natural causes to allay fears

### Radiation in the air, ground, and food affects all

cent of the dose received every year from natural background radiation, Geoffrey Webb of the British National Radiological Protection Board told a conference in Luxembourg this month.

He said the calculation was based on estimates, established by worldwide scientific consensus, of the risk of getting cancer according to amount of radiation exposure.

Against that, about 1,000 people will die from cancers caused by the Chernobyl accident.

### Pale

And both figures pale into insignificance compared to a predicted 30 million cancer deaths in the EC over the next 50 years caused by smoking and other factors.

"The problem is that (nuclear power) is a political issue as much as a scientific issue," one source at the EC executive commission in Brussels said.

"People are more willing to accept much higher levels of risk from things they know,

like car accidents. Or they accept a risk when it is something they can control themselves like smoking," he added. "People are just not prepared to accept any risk from nuclear power."

Scientists therefore can only estimate the risk of low-level radiation, basing their assumptions on studies of victims of high-level radiation such as the survivors of the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945.

But British doctor Robin Russell-Jones told the conference that recent research in Japan showed scientists may have underestimated by up to eight times the effects of radioactivity on the bomb survivors.

By that calculation, eight times as many people could die in Europe and the Soviet Union from cancers caused by Chernobyl than originally estimated.

Environmentalists also accuse scientists of using natural radiation as smokescreen to distract attention from the dangers of nuclear power.

"They try to give the impression that natural radiation is harmless, which in fact it is not," Russell-Jones said.

## Life on the beach between your toes

creatures on sand.

"Our discovery was actually somewhat serendipitous," Winston said. "We couldn't believe we were seeing what we were seeing."

Winston said she made the discovery while studying a species of Bryozoa that forms a floating colony the size of a pea. The biologist examined sand from the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of Florida in an effort to find the larva of the free-floating animals.

With the aid of a microscope she found the larva, but she also found colonies of whole new species of Bryozoa on individual sand grains.

"We were looking in the sand for the larva, the babies, and not only did we find the babies but new species as well," she said. "It was completely unexpected."

Although called moss animals, Bryozoa are not plants.

They are aquatic invertebrates that look something like lichens with hollow tentacles that gather food into tiny stomachs and esophagi.

Individuals, called zooids, mate and produce eggs that hatch into other zooids.

"The larva swim around only for an hour to a day," Winston said. "They form colonies to survive."

According to scientists, these colonies are found all over the world in fresh and salt water of varied depths and temperatures. Most of the colonies are simple arrangements in which the creatures stay together and feed together.

In other more complex societies, individual zooids can take on specialized roles. Some may defend the colony against attack by developing jaw-like structures that snap at intruders while others develop bristles that sweep away silt. These

workers are fed by still other zooids that collect enough food for all.

The creatures, some of which can grow up to 2 millimetres, feed on tiny plants smaller than they are, scientists say. Researchers have discovered colonies over one foot (30cm) across and weighing several pounds (kilos), although most colonies look like nothing more than one-inch (2.5 cm)-sized patches of crust on rocks or boat hulls.

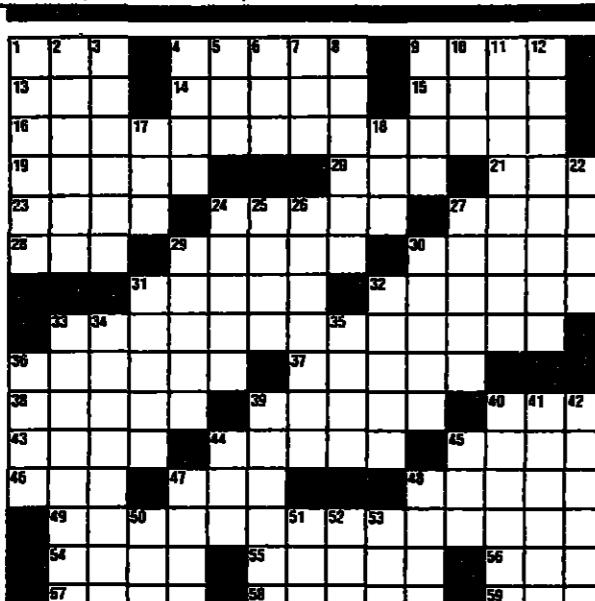
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Winston said the colonies she discovered on individual grains of sand ranged in size from three to 20 zooids. She theorizes the zooids are doomed by the abrasion they encounter as the grains of sand on which they have built their colonies shift along the bottom of the ocean.

"We don't know that they exist anywhere except where we found them on the continental shelf off Florida, but there is no reason to believe they aren't all over the world," Winston said.

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



**ACROSS**

- 1 Turpin or Kingsley
- 4 Dispatch boat
- 9 Galileo, e.g.
- 13 Composer Brian
- 14 Within the law
- 15 Life-threatening
- 16 Start of a quote
- 19 Source of the quote, with "The"
- 20 Trigger tidbit
- 21 Broke bread
- 23 Namesakes of a Gabor
- 24 Highanded
- 27 "— a Rose": 1925 song
- 28 Electrical unit
- 29 Window decor
- 30 Author of rags-to-riches books
- 31 Rest, at sea
- 32 Atlantic salmon
- 33 More of the quote
- 36 Raps
- 37 Tearful one of myth
- 38 Sped
- 39 Like some eyes
- 40 Monogram of the quoted author
- 43 Rent—
- 44 San Diego player
- 45 Mattie, Felipe or Jesus of baseball
- 46 Wall St. unit
- 47 Crew
- 48 Strict fiddler?
- 49 End of the quote
- 54 "What's — for me?"
- 55 Put on cloud nine
- 56 DC-based org.
- 57 Gambler's throw
- 58 Extend a subscription

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**

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RUNINTERFERENCE		
LAGS RENT ACTED		
WERE YOGA		
TRIAST PASHAS		
SANDSTORMS TENT		
ANDES RUE SLATE		
REES STRAPPEDIN		
SEEDERS OLLA MCS		
RATE ANNA		
SMITH ANTI OSSA		
TAKESAGIANTSTEP		
ODOR PENN SIEVE		
PENS TREK ERRED		

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

GIVE ONE, GET ONE

North-south vulnerable. South deals.

**NORTH**

♦ Q 97  
♦ 7 5 3 2  
♦ A 9 5  
♦ 10 9 6

**WEST**

♦ J 4 3  
♦ K 10 8  
♦ Q J 8 4 2

**EAST**

♦ 8 2  
♦ A J  
♦ K 10 6 3  
♦ Q J 8 5 2

**SOUTH**

♦ A K 10 6 5  
♦ Q 9 6 4  
♦ 7

**OPENING LEAD:** Seven of ♦

**THE BIDDING:**  
South    West    North    East  
1 ♦ Pass    1 NT Pass  
2 ♦ Pass    3 ♦ Pass  
4 ♦ Pass    Pass    Pass  
Opening lead: Seven of ♦

conservative—a slam try of four clubs was hardly likely to bring grief.

West got his side off to an excellent start by leading a club, attacking declarer's weakness. The nine was covered by the king and taken by the ace, and declarer returned a low trump. West followed low and East won the jack, but the club weakness was now safe from further attack. Declarer was eventually able to get one of dummy's clubs away on his spades, and ended up losing only three trump tricks.

Look what would have happened had West shot up with the king on the first trump lead. That seems to cost a trick, but watch how the play unfolds. West can now set up a club trick for his side by leading the suit, since East has a tenace over dummy. Now when East gains the lead with the ace of trumps, he first cashes a club to complete the defensive book and then continues with a fourth round of clubs. West's ten of trumps becomes re-established, en passant, as the setting trick.

If this defense had been found at the table, there would have been no need to look any further for the best defensive hand of the year.

**YOUR STARS**

**ARIES** (March 20 - April 18)

We found him hiding in a laundry basket.

## THE WIZARD OF ID



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Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

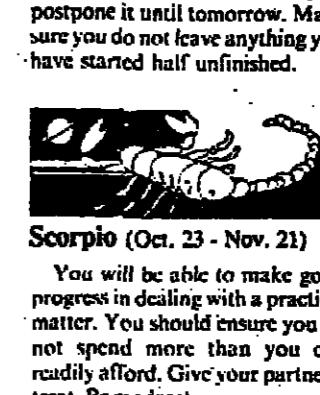
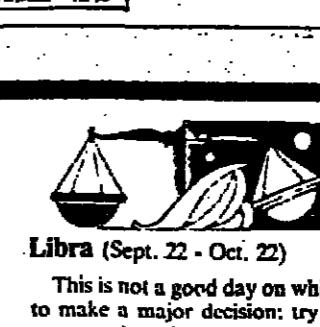
The Moon's more favourable influence coupled with that of Jupiter will help you to keep out of trouble. You will be successful in a field where success has hitherto eluded you.

**TAURUS** (April 19 - May 19)

You would do well to take a little more interest in your personal appearance. Your intuitive powers will be more acute, but you should still rely most on reason. Do not leave all the loving to others.

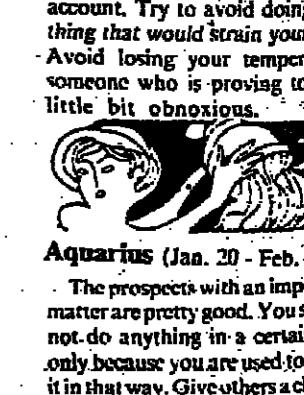
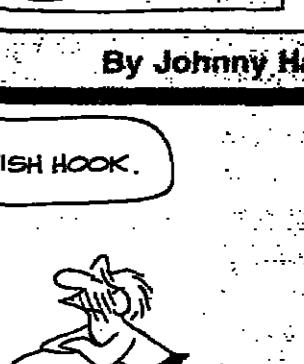
**GEMINI** (May 20 - June 20)

You should keep calm even in the face of provocation. You must not divulge something told to you in confidence. You should be on your guard against someone who is trying to deceive you. Be resilient.



**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You will have to make sure that you do not leave some detail out of account. Try to avoid doing anything that would strain your eyes. Avoid losing your temper with someone who is proving to be a little bit obnoxious.



**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

You will have to make sure that you do not leave some detail out of account. Try to avoid doing anything that would strain your eyes. Avoid losing your temper with someone who is proving to be a little bit obnoxious.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

The prospects are pretty good. You should not do anything in a certain way, only because you are used to doing it that way. Give others a chance. Be a little more affectionate.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 - March 19)

You should use force only when you have to and persistence has not been entirely successful. You should not allow work to encroach upon your private life.

## Dear Junior Readers,

At the beginning of a new year we are often eager to put the past behind us and look forward to the future. It is sometimes a good idea, however, to take a look at our past performance and to compare it to what we are doing now.

You might occasionally feel discouraged that you have not accomplished what you had hoped, but if you think about "the way you used to be" you will probably see that you really have made progress toward your goal. For example, you might not have reached your goal of making all A's, but you have improved your marks this semester over the last one.

Keep looking toward the future and use your past experiences to mark the progress you have made.

Aunt Barbara

## Hunting, shooting and fishing

1. Name a great-grandson of Noah who was a mighty hunter.
2. Which sporting classic was written by Izaak Walton in the seventeenth century?
3. Doing a 'Macab' is a difficult day's work. What does it involve?
4. If one hunting man was telling another hunting man he had seen twenty-seven foxhounds, how would he say twenty-seven?
5. Describe a capercaille or capercailzie.
6. How did Francis Macomber die in Hemingway's story *The Short Happy Life of Francis Macomber*?
7. What is an arctic char?
8. Can you name the most popular gamebird in Spain?
9. What is the name of the narrator of Siegfried Sassoon's *Memoirs of a Fox-Hunting Man*?
10. Which famous book was reviewed in the following terms?

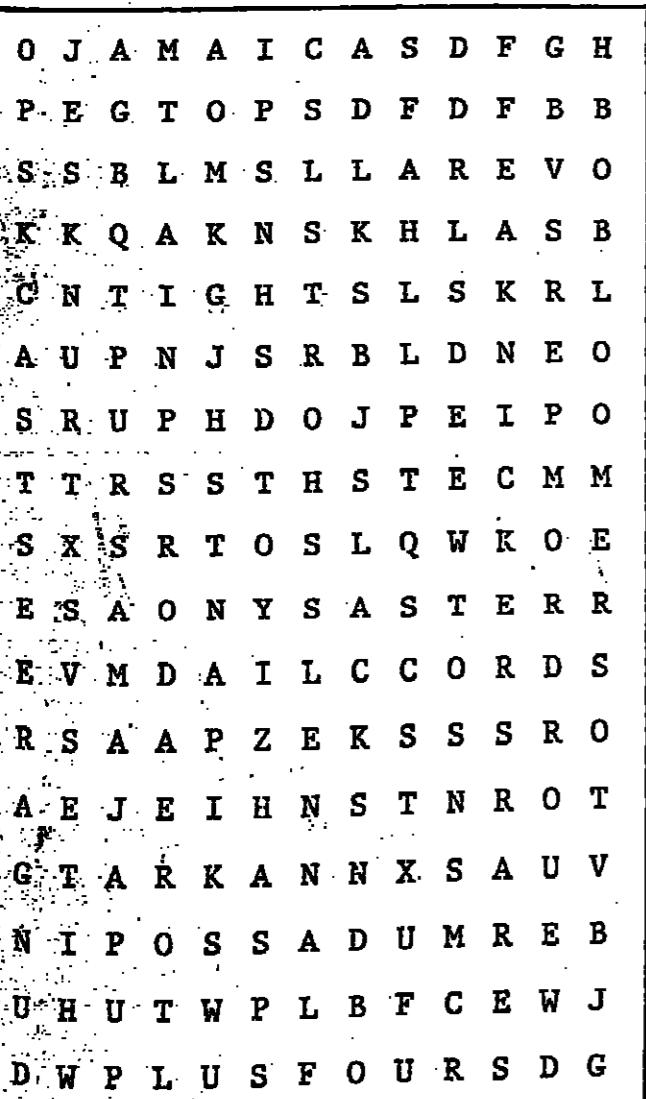
"This fictional account of the day-by-day life of an English gamekeeper is still of considerable interest to outdoor-minded readers, as it contains many passages on pheasant raising, the apprehending of poachers, ways to control vermin, and other chores and duties of the professional game-keeper. Unfortunately one is obliged to wade through many pages of extraneous material in order to discover and savour these sidelights on the management of a Midlands shooting estate, and in this reviewer's opinion this book cannot take the place of J.R. Miller's *Practical Gamekeeping*".

Answers: 1. Nimrod-Genesis 19:8-10. 2. The Compleat Angler, or the Contemplative Man's Recreation. Besides describing the art of angling, Walton draws a picture of peace and meditation which is in sharp contrast to the civil war raging at the time. 3. Killing a salmon, shooting a grouse, and stalking and killing a stag within twenty-four hours. The term came from afeat described in the novel John Macnab by John Buchan in which the owners were forewarned that their lands would be poached. 4. Thirteen and a half couple. 5. It is a large grouse. Its name derives from a Scottish-Gaelic word meaning 'horse of the woods'. 6. He was shot by his wife after showing cowardice on safari by running away from a wounded lion. 7. It is a type of trout. 8. The perdiz, or red-legged partridge. 9. George Sherston. 10. Lady Chatterley's Lover, by D.H. Lawrence. This tongue-in-cheek review by Ed Zern appeared in the magazine Field and Stream.

## Search for your pants

Can you find the words below in the diagram? They are formed in the diagram forwards, backwards, up, down, or diagonally, but they are always in a straight line and are never formed by skipping over any letters.

BAGS	JAMAICAS	PANTS	SLACKS
BERMUDAS	JEANS	PEG-TOPS	TIGHTS
BLOOMERS	JODHPURS	ROMPERS	TREACHERS
CORDS	KNICKERS	SACKS	TRUNKS
DUNGAREES	OVERALLS	SHORTS	TWEEPS
FLANNELS	PAJAMAS	SKI PANTS	WHITE
BELL-BOTTOMS		PLUS-FOURS	



SANDY gazed upon the rabbits. Playing blithely in the sun: Sandy's little heart was breaking. "Why," he thought, "can't I have fun?" "Why should I be here forgotten. In this prison rabbit hutch?" — Sandy's tears were flowing faster. But it didn't help him much!

Down among the happy rabbits, someone noticed Sandy's plight: Bobbity was touched with pity. Came along to set things right. Bobbity said "No more weeping! Soon we'll have you out of that!" Pulled and struggled hard, but Sandy

Seemed to be a little fat.

Michael, Sandy's little master, Having mixed the milk and bran, Came towards them. Rather frightened, Bobbity just turned and ran!

Off he sped, away to freedom. Through the fence and down the hill, Leaving Sandy to his master. Just a lonely prisoner still!

Michael, who had noticed nothing, Meant to put the bowl inside: Opened up the hutch, and Sandy darted out: then Michael cried, "Sandy! Sandy! Naughty Sandy! Now you've split your lovely tea! Come back here, at once! This minute!" Sandy didn't stay to see!

Mr Fox went prowling further On his rabbit hunting way. Bobbity appeared, and Sandy Came out eagerly to play. Bobbity said "Hello, Sandy! Would you like to come with me To the Woodland Picnic Party?"

## Sandy, the runaway rabbit

Hop, skip, hoppy! went Sandy. As the bowl went tumbling down; Michael looked his last on Sandy. Bobbing tail, and flash of brown! Down the hill and through the woodland Scampered Sandy, free at last. Thought no more of little Michael. And his rabbit-hutchy past! Made a bee-line for the warren. There his furry friends to find: Didn't think that lonely Michael hadn't meant to be unkind!

Sandy found a funny notice. Thought it didn't matter much. Read "Beware the Fox!" and giggled — Silly rabbit from a hutch! But when Mr Fox came prowling, Sandy had a twinge of fear! Hid behind a sturdy tree-trunk. Cocked a timid little ear! Saw him tearing up the notice. Felt a sudden, awful fright: Sandy's heart went pitter-patter. And he bolted out of sight!

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Here's a notice on the tree!

Hand-in-hand they went together Through the leafy sunlit wood: Sandy's nervousness had vanished. And he thought "This will be good!"

Now, a Woodland Picnic Party Was a very special thing: Woodland Mice and Woodland Rabbits Gathered round to dance and sing. Round the mighty Toadstool Table, Underneath a leafy sky. While they gazed upon the banquet — Apples, carrots, bramble pie! Then at last the guests were seated: Woodland Rabbits, Woodland Mice. Fell upon the feast with gusto: No-one had to ask them twice! Cherries, acorns, lettuce vanished In the twinkling of an eye! No-one noticed wily Foxey, on the scents, and lurking by!

Silently he padded forward: Owlie, from his Hole-in-Tree, Saw him, so he called a warning. "Too-whit-too-whoo-who-woo!" went he. At that sudden startling signal All the Woodland Folk, in fright, Disappeared below the table. Shrank together, out of sight. Very still and very silent. Listening for the

slightest sound: Then they scarcely heard a rustle — Willy Fox came sniffing round. Saw the now deserted table. With a glistening, greedy eye. Then, with many a grunt and gurgle, Sat and ate the bramble pie!

Then old Foxey, full and drowsy. Dropped his head and fell asleep: When he heard him, faintly snoring, Sandy just risked one peep. Whispered softly to the others, "Foxey's sleeping! No sound!" Out they came, in breathless silence. Crept a -tipce, homeward bound! Once around the nearest tree-trunk, Off they fled, in anxious haste: Would old Foxey wake and see them? Owl cried "Noooo!" and on they raced!

So, at last, they reached the warren. Bolted quickly down below: Bobbity was first, then Sandy! Safe where Foxey couldn't go!

Bobbity had lit the lantern, Sandy caught his breath again: So they finished tea in comfort. Snug and safe, down Rabbit Lane! Sandy's mind went back to Michael. And the empty rabbit hutch. And he felt a little sorry. Michael wouldn't like it



much! For he didn't know that Michael Found another rabbit pet, Black and White, and very friendly! ... And he doesn't know it yet!

## Factfile FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS

THE EARLIEST JAZZ RECORD MADE WAS 'INDIANA AND THE DARK TOWN STRUTTERS' BALL, RECORDED FOR THE COLUMBIA LABEL IN NEW YORK ON OR ABOUT 30 JANUARY 1917, BY THE ORIGINAL DIXIELAND FIVE. IT WAS RELEASED ON 25 FEBRUARY 1917 (RCA 1897-1917). IT WAS RELEASED ON 31 MAY 1917.

THE LONGEST-SERVING BRITISH SOLDIER WAS FIELD MARSHAL SIR WILLIAM WALLACE GCB (1786-1875) WHO WAS AN ENEMY OF THE FRENCH CONSTABLE OF THE TOWER OF LONDON AT HIS DEATH AGED 91.

THE FIRST WEIGHTLIFTING CHAMPIONSHIPS ENTITLED 'WORLD' WERE STAGED AT THE CAPE MONICO, PICCADILLY, LONDON ON 28 MARCH 1911.

OF THREE MEN WHO HAVE ACHIEVED 8 WORLD TITLE AND OLYMPIC WINS, THE MOST RECENT IS SUPER-HIGH Jumper AND HIGH Jumper ALEXESEV (22520) (6.7 JAN 1962) BETWEEN 1970-7.

ADmiral OF THE FLEET SIR SIR WALLACE GCB (1797-1852) FIRST SERVED AS A MIDSHIPMAN IN 'COPARTY' IN OCT 1804 AND, BECAUSE OF HIS SERVICES TO THE FRENCH, WAS LATER PUT ON THE ACTIVE LIST FOR LIFE. HE WAS THEREFORE 87 YEARS 4 MONTHS AND 21 DAYS OLD WHEN HE LEFT ACTIVE SERVICE. ALTHOUGH HE WAS EARLIER ON THE ACTIVE BOOKS AS A VOLUNTEER, FROM 1804-1809, HE LEFT ACTIVE SERVICE BY WHICH EVEN INFANTS COULD GAIN SENIORITY ON JOINING.

IN MARCH 1916, PRESIDENT NELUMA OF EQUATORIAL GUINEA (DEPOSED IN AUGUST 1917) DECLARED THAT ALL BOYS AGED BETWEEN 12 AND 14, THUS MAKING THEM THE WORLD'S YOUNGEST CONSCRIPTS.

THE YOUNGEST WORLD RECORD HOLDER IS NAIM SULEIMANOV (NOW NEJM SULEIMANOV) (BULGARIA) (6.23 MARCH 1982) WHO SET RECORDS FOR CLEAN AND JERK (160kg) AND TOTAL (285kg) WHEN AGED 15½ (23 days) AT ALLENTOWN, NEW JERSEY, USA ON 25 MARCH 1982.

THE CREDIT FOR FIRST SPONTANEOUS WORDLESS SINGING WHICH USES WORDLESS PHRASES OR SOUNDS INSTEAD OF LYRICS ON RECORD IS ATTRIBUTED TO LOUIS (CATO) ARMSTRONG (1900-71), A MASTER OF THE ART, WITH HESSE JEEBES IN 1926.

THE FIRST LP JAZZ EXPERIMENTS WERE RECORDED BY VICTOR IN FEBRUARY 1932. ELLINGTON AND HIS ORCHESTRA THE TITLES 'MONEY EAST', 'ST. LOUIS MOON', 'OO, LOTS O' FINGERS', AND 'GLASS SHAMAN' ARE FANTASY.

and by street, you'll qualify for long service medals!

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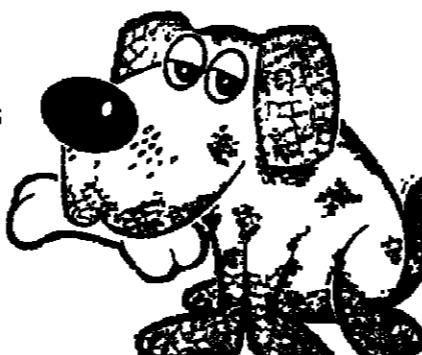
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## SPORTS

## NBA ROUNDUP

## Kings and Bucks triumph

NEW YORK, Jan 11. (AP): Roundup of National Basketball Association games last night:

**Kings 105, Supersonics 108**

Sacramento rookie Kenny Smith scored 16 points and added 10 assists, including a behind-the-back pass that set up Otis Thorpe for what proved to be the winning basket. The Kings edged the Seattle Supersonics 105-108 in the game in Sacramento.

Reggie Theus, who led the Kings with 25 points, said Smith made "three of four big inspirational plays down the stretch" that spurred the Kings' comeback.

"Kenny can do a lot of things and tonight he got us going," Theus said.

One of those key plays was an out-of-bounds save that Smith threw over his shoulder cross-court to Joe Kleine, who took it for a layup.

Smith said forcing Seattle to make defensive decisions was the key to his success.

Harold Pressley added 17 points for the Kings, while Dale Ellis topped Seattle with 30 and Tom Chambers added 27.

**Bucks 105, Nets 87**

Milwaukee handed New Jersey its 13th consecutive road loss

and 21st straight since last season.

Sidney Moncrief scored 17 points and Terry Cummings 16 for the Bucks, who lost three of their previous four home games.

Milwaukee hit 22 of 38 shots in the first half and used a 16-4 run to build a 49-29 lead with 2:46 left. The Nets, who trailed 53-38 at halftime, got as close as 77-68 early in the fourth quarter after scoring seven consecutive points.

## Standings

	Atlantic Division	Pct.	GB
Boston	21 10 .677	—	3
Philadelphia	16 15 .516	—	5
New York	11 21 .344	10-1/2	
Washington	10 20 .333	10-1/2	
New Jersey	6 25 .193	15	
<b>Central Division</b>			
Atlanta	24 8 .750	—	
Detroit	19 13 .678	—	
Chicago	13 17 .513	+1-1/2	
Milwaukee	17 13 .556	6	
Indiana	15 15 .500	8	
Cleveland	15 17 .469	9	
<b>Midwest Division</b>			
Dallas	20 10 .667	—	
Houston	18 13 .581	2-1/2	
Denver	19 14 .576	2-1/2	
San Antonio	14 16 .467	6	
Utah	13 15 .455	6-1/2	
Sacramento	9 23 .281	12	
<b>Pacific Division</b>			
LA Lakers	25 6 .806	—	
Portland Trail	20 11 .545	5	
Seattle	18 15 .545	8	
Phoenix	11 19 .367	13-1/2	
LA Clippers	8 22 .267	18-1/2	
Golden State	5 23 .178	18-1/2	

## Soviet skiers win 40 km relay race

MOSCOW, Jan 11. (AP): The Soviet Union's No. 1 team finished first in a World Cup 40-kilometre skiing relay race yesterday with a time of 1 hour, 41 minutes and 20.35 seconds, the Tass news agency reported.

Second place was taken by the Soviets' No. 2 team in 1:41:46.86, and Sweden was third in 1:43:14.97.

The Soviets' winning team included Alexander Batyuk, Vladimir Sakhnov, Vladimir Smirnov and Alexei Prokurov.

In the women's 20-kilometre relay race, the Soviet No. 1 squad took first place in 56:55.06 seconds, followed by Norway in 57:07.07 and the Soviet No. 2 team in 57:39.06.

## Dutchman sets chess record

THE HAGUE, Jan 11. (Reuter):

Dutch chess player Hans Bohm

set a world record in simulta-

nous chess today by playing 560

games in 25 hours, a tournament

official said.

Bohm, 36, played on 12 boards

## NOAH FIGHTS BACK TO EDGE AMERICAN

## Cash ignores demonstrators to beat Muster

MELBOURNE, Jan 11. (Reuter): Pat Cash's recent working visit to South Africa returned to haunt the Wimbledon champion as the Australian Open Tennis championships began in his home city of Melbourne today.

Anti-apartheid demonstrators briefly interrupted the number four seed's first-round match against Austrian Thomas Muster by hurling a volley of black rubber balls on to centre court at the new National Tennis Centre.

Cash ignored the interruption, and the cluster of placards condemning his participation in the South African Open last November, to dispose of the left-handed Muster 7-5 6-2 6-4.

**Saves**

Ivan Lendl, Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert also cruised through to the second round without losing a set although Lendl, the number one seed, had to save a set point against little known Australian Bryan Roe.

However, American Paul Annacone, seeded 13, and Dianne Balestrat, the number 14 women's seed, fell at the first hurdle.

In temperatures of 40 degrees Celsius, Frenchman Yannick Noah provided the most exciting action of the day, a familiar mixture of panic and perfection in five hours and five sets against American Roger Smith.

Noah, who only decided last Wednesday to play in this his first tournament since mid-November, looked totally out of touch as he lost the first sets on the new rebound ace surface.

The dreadlocked fifth seed fought back to 2-2 and then put on a gala show of volleying pyrotechnics as he saved two match points in the final set.

Noah, still feeling a groin strain, finally broke Bahamian-born Smith's serve in the 29th game of the set to run out a 6-7-5 7-6-4 6-2 16-14 victory.

Number two seed Navratilova



Noah plays a backhand volley in his first-round match. (Reuter wirephoto)



An anti-apartheid demonstrator holds up a placard. (Reuter wirephoto)

eased past Australian Elizabeth Minter 6-3 6-0 in the cool of the evening while Evert, seeded third, scored a 6-4 6-0 win over fellow-American Gretchen Magers.

**Late**

Lendl, a 6-3 7-6 6-2 winner, suffered only one hiccup against Roe when he blazed a forehand millimetres long to go 4-5 30-40 down in the second set. The Czechoslovak-born American argued the linesman's call strongly but calmed down to win the next point, the game and the subsequent tiebreak, 7-1.

Cash took some time to get used to the bounce on the scorching artificial surface but looked to be approaching top form late in the match against Muster.

But Cash was fined \$500 for an audible obscenity after his first service was called out on the point before his first and only matchpoint.

Results

Todd Woodbridge (Australia) beat John Letts (6-3 6-0 6-1; Matt Anger (UK) beat Andrew Castle (Britain) 6-3 6-1; Jason Stolberg (Australia) beat Jon Levine (US) 6-1 6-3 6-1; Barry Moir (South Africa) beat Adam Anderson (Australia) 6-3 6-3 6-3; Magnus Gustafsson (Sweden) beat Johan Anderson (Australia) 3-6 6-4 6-1; Glen Michibata

(Canada) beat Tom Nijssen (Netherlands) 7-5 3-6 4-6; Wendy Wood (US) beat Dianne Balestrat (Australia) 6-2 4-6 8-6; Chris Prichard (Canada) beat Chip Hooper (US) 7-5 6-3 6-2; Alexander Mronz (West Germany) beat Alexander Volkov (Soviet Union) 6-0 6-4 6-7(5)-7(5) 6-4; Nicolas Provin (Australia) beat Valda Lake (Britain) 6-3 6-2; Akiemi Nishida (Japan) beat Pascale Paradis (France) 6-7 5-7; Robin White (US) beat Rachel McQuillan 7-6 (7-3) 6-3; Sally McCann (Australia) beat Brenda Schulz (West Germany) 6-3 6-2; Mariane Wenzel (Germany) beat Katrina Adams (US) 6-4 6-1; Celine Cohen (Switzerland) beat Jill Hetherington (Canada) 6-2 1-6 6-1; Pat Cash (Australia) beat Thomas Muster (Austria) 7-5 6-1 6-4; Roger Rashed (Australia) beat Andris Vysand (Soviet Union) 6-4 5-7 6-4 6-4; Nicolas Provin (Australia) beat Valda Lake (Britain) 6-3 6-2; Eddie Edwards (South Africa) beat David Felgate (Britain) 6-1 6-1 6-1; Gianluca Pozzo (Italy) beat Craig Miller (Australia) 2-6 6-4 6-2; Barry Moir (South Africa) beat Karen Scott (US) 5-7 7-6 (7-3) 6-3; Sally McCann (Australia) beat Marc Flur (US) 26-7(7)-4 6-0 4-6 6-4; Sylvia Hanika (West Germany) beat Sara Gomer (Britain) 3-6 6-4 6-1; Lea Antonoplis (US) beat Annabel

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## Nomads travel to Abu Dhabi

KUWAIT Nomads 1st XV travel to Abu Dhabi this weekend for only their second Gulf Merit Table match of the season, knowing that defeat will almost certainly mean the loss of the Gulf title.

However, defeat is something the Nomads will not consider and the selected side will be confident of overcoming an Abu Dhabi side whose strength lies in its massive front five.

Kuwait will counter the weight of the Abu Dhabi pack with superior technique up front and by moving the ball wide to the wings where Bullock and Wilkins will be able to cause panic in the Abu Dhabi defence.

Strength

Todd XV skipper Steve Hutchinson, is promoted for his first senior outing this term, and will provide strength and commitment in the midfield tackling.

Jonathon Brown moves to full back to accommodate Hutchinson.

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were outstanding, whilst Evans, Robinson and Quinn outperformed their bigger opponents. The hero of the day, however was Bobby Hall. Brought into the side as a late replacement and after a period of atrocious form in both domestic and Gulf matches, Hall had an excellent match. His service was spot on and his constant sniping around the base of the scrum was an embarrassment to the South's back row.

In a domestic match at Fintas on Thursday, the Blues and the Whites fought out an honourable 12-12 draw in very difficult conditions.

Geoff Bennett, out of retirement and with a new pair of 90 faster boots, and John Sanderson got tries for the Blues, Gatland and Tyrrell respectively converting, whilst Bissell and Armstrong touched down for the Whites. Hopkins successfully converting both.

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## Evert and Navratilova to appeal against fines

MELBOURNE, Jan 11. (Reuter): World number three Chris Evert confirmed today that she would appeal against a \$20,000 fine imposed by the Women's International Tennis Association (Wita).

Evert, the Wits president, and world number two Martina Navratilova were fined last week for bypassing the New South Wales tournament to play an exhibition event at the Sanctuary Cove tourist complex in Queensland.

The pair preferred to play at Sanctuary Cove on the rebound ace courts, the same surface as at this week's Australian Open, instead of grass at the New South Wales event.

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Clement had a 1 under-par 69 yesterday. Pohl had two eagles and closed with a 64. Green had a 65 and Norris 68.

## Clements takes golf crown

CARMEL VALLEY, California, Jan 11. (AP): Lennie Clements sank a 35-foot birdie putt on the first hole of a four-man playoff to win the \$250,000 Spalding Invitational golf tournament on the Carmel Valley Ranch course.

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**KT Club changes dates of rally season**

By Gail Seery

THE Motorsports Division of the KT Club announced yesterday that they have now agreed to change the start and finish dates of the car rally season. Formerly the season ran from January to October, with a long break in the summer, when it was simply too hot to hold events in the desert. Now however, the season will run from September to April, with the new champion being crowned at the end of the season.

The 1988 season gets underway with its first rally on January 15. The season will then continue until April 1989. There will be nine events, including two international rallies, the first of which will be held on March 17 & 18 this year. Drivers must enter one of the two internationals, and will be able to scratch the results of two events, one of which must be an international. The points from the one international kept will be doubled. This means that seven out of the 9 results will count towards the Champion-ship.

**Observed**

The following season will start in September 1989, and end in April 1990. A club spokesman pointed out that Kuwait was the first country in the Middle East to run its rally season in this way, but observed that it was a common sense measure and that he expected other clubs to follow suit.

Drivers can expect more thorough scrutineering, and even health checks in future, as the newly elected committee of the Motorsports division is determined to see that events are run correctly with driver and co-driver safety always uppermost in mind.

**SPORTS BRIEFS**

**Director quits**

BARCELONA, Spain, Jan 11. (UPI): The sports director of Barcelona's 1992 Olympic Organising Committee stepped down today following a probe into his private financial situation, officials said. The committee, headed by Barcelona mayor Pascual Maragall, announced the resignation of Antonio Lopez as sports director but gave no details of its investigation into reports of his misuse of funds.

**Formula One**

ROME, Jan 11. (Reuters): A new Italian Formula One motor racing team, called "Scuderia Italia" (Team Italia), said today that they planned to race in the 1988 World championship. Team Italia will race a Ford-Cosworth powered car designed by Giampaolo Dallara and will name a driver later this month. They said they hoped to run two Grand Prix cars in 1989.

**French squad**

PARIS, Jan 11. (AP): Henri Michel, coach of the French national soccer team, today announced his selection to play a series of friendly international matches, beginning in Tel Aviv Jan 27 against Israel. Other matches of the tour include Feb 2 in Toulouse against Switzerland and either Austria or Morocco. Feb 5 in Monaco.

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## No easy rides in Euro-championship



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DUESSELDORF, West Germany, Jan 11. (Reuters): No team can expect an easy ride into the semifinals of the 1988 European Soccer Championship whatever the outcome of the draw for the eight-nation finals tomorrow.

The line-up for the tournament in West Germany from June 10 to 25 is arguably the strongest ever for the finals of the competition.

**Inevitably**

"There are no genuine favourites. Just about any of the teams could become European Champions," West German manager Franz Beckenbauer said.

As hosts and twice winners of the tournament in 1972 and 1980, the West Germans inevitably start as top favourites and team most others will be anxious to avoid when the two groups of four are decided by tomorrow's draw.

But the names of three other previous title winners — Italy, Spain and Soviet Union — are lurking dangerously along with potential champions England, the Netherlands and Denmark.

The one supposedly weak nation to qualify are Ireland, who came through thanks to some stumbling along the way by Belgium, Bulgaria and Scotland.

But though teams will not complain to find the Irish in their group, nobody is expecting Jack Charlton's team to be pushovers.

Today that this system, announced only 24 hours earlier, had been scrapped after an objection from Spain.

The spokesman said that Italy and the Netherlands would now join the four remaining teams in the draw for groups.

Teams would be drawn in order of rankings worked out on the basis of performances in the last World Cup qualifiers and group matches for the present championships, with Italy first followed by the Netherlands, Spain, the Soviet Union, Denmark and Ireland.

After round-robin group matches, the top two from each qualify for the semifinals.

**Certain**

The opening match, in which West Germany are certain to play, will take place in Dusseldorf on June 10 with the final being held in Munich's Olympia stadium on June 25.

Christian Stielike, eight-year-old son of former West German midfielder Uli Stielike, will draw the teams at 1100 GMT in a television programme being shown live in 14 countries.

**Bridge**

RESULTS of the SAS Cup game played on Sunday:

N/S  
1st Nahil Akel & Lollo Morthwaite  
2nd Fatima Aboljebain & Shabila Daigbe  
3rd Jamila Akel & Camilia Guirgis E/W  
1st Daphne Al Saad & Margaret Maynard  
2nd Greta Jones & Joanne de Lange  
3rd Joanne Chiles & Nida Khalaf.

**Prize money**

LONDON, Jan 11. (Reuters): The world's leading golfers will be competing for record prize money of £700,000 (\$1,274,000) at the British Open championship at Royal Lytham in July.

The prize money has been increased by £50,000 (\$91,000), the Royal and Ancient Golf Club announced today.

**Sold**

"This makes up all of his breeding stock," said Jim Williams, a spokesman for the Keeneland Association auction house.

Six horses sold for at least \$1 million dollars in the weekend auction. The average price of a horse was \$80,882. Buyers spent \$25.45 million for 292 horses yesterday and \$21.46 million for 288 thoroughbreds on Saturday.

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## Former world champion begins comeback

LONDON, Jan 11. (Reuters): Former world featherweight champion Barry McGuigan of Northern Ireland will begin sparring again next week after more than 18 months out of the ring.

"I want the sparring to be private at first to see how it goes," said McGuigan's manager Frank Warren.

Warren hopes McGuigan will be back in the ring by April and then fight for the International Boxing Federation's (IBF) super-featherweight title.

**Crashed**

McGuigan, 26, has not fought since he lost his World Boxing Association (WBA) title to American Steve Cruz in Las Vegas in June 1986. He chipped a bone in his thumb in a motor racing accident in 1987.

Meanwhile in a new concept, the first of a series of lunchtime boxing shows planned by the recently-formed Anglo City Sporting Club will be staged in London on January 29. The club hopes to put on British title fights within a year.

Kankkunen will not take part in Paris-Dakar next year

AGADEZ, Niger, Jan 11. (Reuters): Double world rally champion Juha Kankkunen of Finland said today that the tragic catalogue of accidents in this year's Paris-Dakar Rally had persuaded him not to compete next year.

Kankkunen, currently second in this year's rally, said he was saddened and upset by the event which has claimed two lives and left 19 other people injured.

"In January next year, I plan to be somewhere else on the other side of the world," said Kankkunen. "I feel very sad about the way the race is going. People are taking too many risks."

Kankkunen spoke as the remaining drivers rested at the desert outpost of Agadez in this west African state midway through the three-week rally.

His Finnish Peugeot teammate Ari Vatanen, who leads in the car section, said he had no plans to miss next year's race.

But Vatanen criticised this year's course. 85-per cent of which is over Saharan terrain never before used for the race.

"The start was too difficult," he said. "There were a lot of disillusioned drivers. Especially amateurs. It is difficult to imagine the effort they put in."

Jean Duby, doctor for the Peugeot team which includes seven back-up trucks and 62 mechanics, said it was no good trying to stop injuries on the road.

"There is a certain gory attraction exerted by the Paris-Dakar," he said. "It's not a safe rally and it's not a bad thing for people to get hurt. The race needs risks."

Racing and government officials say the rally must change radically before next year to avoid a repeat of this year's death and casualty tolls.

The deaths of Frenchman Patrick Canado, a Yamaha team technician, and Dutch Daf driver Kees van Loewenstein have added weight to accusations that the course is too hard and expensive for amateurs.

"Every adventure has its limits," said French sports minister Christian Bergelin. "Racing across 700-km stages is not within everyone's capability."

Jean-Marie Balestre, president of the International Motor Sports Federation (Fia), said in Paris today the race had become an incongruous mixture of the amateur and the professional.

Balestre, who has called the rally's two chief organisers to a meeting at the end of this year's 13,000 km course, said:

"For the Paris-Dakar to become a copy of a World Rally Championship, it would have to have very strict rules."

"But it does not have such rules — which is why I have asked the organisers to meet me next month. I want the Paris-Dakar to win back the appeal it used to have as an African adventure."

In Agadez, organisers Rene Metge and Gilbert Sabine denied charges they were not taking enough care of amateurs.

Sabine, father of the Paris-Dakar's founder Thierry Sabine who created the race as an amateur adventure, said: "Rene and I decided on this course and, unfortunately, there have been fatal accidents."

Sabine, whose son was one of the Paris-Dakar's 20 victims when his helicopter crashed in 1986, said the answer to this year's problems was a return to amateurism.

"In the future, the races will be easier," he said. "We want to weigh them in favour of amateurs. I don't want to see huge professional factories on the track."

"That wasn't what Thierry wanted from the race. At the moment, competitors have too much help. I've let things slide for this year, but next year I will really take charge."

**Chipped**

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## Pakistan clinch semifinal spot



Shahbaz (third left): scored the 2nd goal

IRAN weaved his way through the defence to make it 3-0. Khalid Rashid completed the scoring by converting his team's fifth and last penalty corner in the 69th minute with a powerful drive across the artificial turf.

Pakistan, relying on skilled stickwork and speed, stretched New Zealand's overworked defence to the limit from the start, but had to wait until the 24th minute for their opening goal, Qasim Khan pouncing on a rebound from a penalty corner to score.

Another penalty corner in the 32nd minute brought the second goal as the ball went into Shahbaz Ahmad off three other players.

The match, which was marred by rough play, was decided by Alfred Fernandes' penalty stroke in the 33rd minute.

## Bunker Hunt horse sale brings record \$46.9m

HUNT'S racing stables with more than 100 horses in the US and Europe, will be sold in coming weeks through private transactions, Williams told Reuters.

Representatives of Robert Smith's Heronwood farm of Upperville, Virginia, bid the top price yesterday — \$2.5 million for 10-year-old broodmare Sangue, a daughter of Lypnair in foal to champion stallion Alydar. Before being sent to Hunt's breeding shed, Sangue was a winner of more than \$1 million in a stakes racing career in the early 1980s.

New York financier Carl Icahn made the second highest winning bid of \$1.5 million for French-bred Water Lily.

**Paid**

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Florez flies over Valencia's Quique Flores. (Reuter wirephoto)

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